TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE -- THE METHODIST CHURCH

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Including

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

1964 - 1965

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES — 1965-1966

First Period **June 1, 1965, to November 5, 1965**

June 7-11 — Regional School of Christian Mission, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
June 18-20 — Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Mt. Sequoyah
August 6-8 — Guild Weekend, Centenary College, Shreveport
August 9-13 — Conference School of Christian Mission, Centenary College
September — District Workshops

Alexandria District	September 9
Baton Rouge District	September 16
Lafayette District	September 21 & 23
Lake Charles District	September 14
Monroe District	September 16
New Orleans District	September 22
Ruston District	September 2
Shreveport District	September 22

October — Call to Prayer and Self Denial
October 2-3 — Guild Mid-Year Committee Meeting, Alexandria
October 12-14 — Mid-Year Conference Executive Meeting, Henning Memorial Methodist Church, Sulphur
October 22-24 — Regional Week-end Missions Seminar, Dulac

Second Period **November 5, 1965 to June 1, 1966**

November 5 — Send Evaluation Reports to District Officers
November 5 — World Community Day
February — Election of Woman's Society and Guild Officers. Send names to District Recording Secretary
February 25 — World Day of Prayer
March 5-6 — Annual Meeting, Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge
March 7 — Conference Executive Committee Meeting, Reilly Memorial Church, Baton Rouge
March 8-10 — Annual Meeting, Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, Reilly Memorial Church, Baton Rouge
March-April — Annual Spring District Meetings, Woman's Society of Christian Service

District	Church	Date
Alexandria	First Methodist Church, Alexandria	March 31
Baton Rouge	Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge	April 14
Lafayette	Thibodaux Methodist Church, Thibodaux	April 13
Lake Charles	Wesley Methodist Church, Sulphur	
Monroe	Lake Providence Methodist Church	April 14
New Orleans	Napoleon Avenue Church, New Orleans	March 30
Ruston	Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston	March 30
Shreveport	First Methodist Church, Shreveport	March 31

April 10 — Easter Sunday
May 11 — South Central Jurisdiction Meeting, Portland, Oregon
May 12-15 — Seventh Assembly of Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, Portland, Oregon

Summer, 1966

June 17-19 — Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Mt. Sequoyah
June 20-24 — Regional School of Christian Mission, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
August 5-7 — Conference Guild Weekend, Centenary College
August 8-12 — Conference School of Christian Mission Centenary College, Shreveport

CALENDAR OF TREASURERS (See Inside of Back Cover)

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Shreveport, Louisiana

March 10-12, 1965

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PURPOSE

of the

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

and

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world.

Toward the realization of this purpose, the Woman's Society and Guild shall provide opportunities and resources which will help women: grow in understanding and spiritual power; increase their knowledge of needs in the world; and share through witness and service in the outreach of the Church.

The Woman's Society and Guild shall enlist workers and secure funds for the fulfilment of their responsibility in the mission of the Church at home and overseas.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY GOALS:

1. Growth in Understanding and Spiritual Power.
2. Increase in Knowledge of Needs in the World.
3. Sharing through Witness and Service in the Outreach of the Church.

DEDICATION

VIRGINIA DAVIS LASKEY

To one whose life is a testament of Christian devotion; whose humility in service, courage of conviction, wisdom in leadership, and gentleness of spirit have won the respect and love of her co-workers and friends; who wears honor with grace and assumes responsibility with earnestness and skill – to Virginia Davis Laskey, former President, Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, President of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, distinguished Methodist, this Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Annual Report is lovingly dedicated.

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MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL HISTORY

Year	Membership WSCS	Membership WSG	Giving*
1940	10,774	None	$ 32,175.00
1941	10,360	642	40,118.45
1942	9,164	673	45,822.73
1943	8,574	705	50,698.08
1944	7,930	789	63,705.95
1945	8,589	977	67,874.58
1946-47	9.304	1173	77,957.93
1947-48	9,707	1308	95,626.78
1948-49	10,100	1443	100,214.01
1949-50	10,944	1637	101,472.32
1950-51	11,855	1701	108,344.98
1951-52	12,125	1689	116,483.71
1952-53	12,686	1839	125,232.38
1953-54	13,115	1926	141,225.25
1954-55	13,310	1863	146,269.53
1955-56	13,813	1875	150,957.47
1956-57	13,994	1968	155,947.42
1957-58	13,998	2002	160,797.97
1958-59	13,964	2039	161,745.66
1959-60	13,704	2172	167,080.34
1960-61	13,581	2172	167,905.51
1961-62	13,782	2194	171,232.32
1962-63	13,290	1933	170,536.09
1963-64	12,965	1917	169,913.25
1964-65	13,449	1833	177,165.73

*Total giving includes figures for the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Annual Meetings

1940—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, October 23, Charter Meeting.
1941—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, April 29-May 1.
1942—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, April 14-16.
1943—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 30-April 1.
1944—First Methodist Church, Crowley, March 28-30.
1945—No Annual Meeting, Executive Meeting only.
1946—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 19-21.
1947—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, April 8-10.
1948—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16-18.
1949—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 22-24.
1950—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, March 28-30
1951—First Methodist Church, Monroe, October 23-24.
1952—First Methodist Church, Lafayette, March 18-19.
1953—University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 17-19.
1954—Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 24-26.
1955—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 18-20.
1956—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 2-4.
1957—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 13-15.
1958—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 18-20.
1959—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 4-6.
1960—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16-18.
1961—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 15-17.
1962—First Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 14-16.
1963—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 13-15.
1964—Lafayette Municipal Auditorium, Lafayette, March 11-13.
1965—Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 10-12.

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Logansport ..... Mrs. W. J. Garland, Box 10, Logansport 71049
Longstreet ..... Mrs. H. G. Denison, Longstreet 71050
Mansfield ..... Mrs. J. S. Sequra, 457 Franklin, Mansfield
Many ..... Mrs. C. D. Hancock, Many 71449
Mitchell ..... Mrs Odis Emmons, Mitchell 71419
Pleasant Hill ..... Mrs. Ruth Gill, 131 Justin, Shreveport
Stonewall ..... Mrs. A. W. McDonald, Jr., Box 1, Stonewall 71078
Zwolle ..... Mrs. J. O. Kimbrell, Jr., Zwolle 71486

Zone III Leader: Mrs. Norman Griffin, 6408 Tulsa, Shreveport

Bethany ..... Mrs. J. T. Brumble, Bethany 71007
Greenwood ..... Mrs. J. T. Dunn, Greenwood 71033
Shreveport:
Broadmoor ..... Mrs. J. E. Carlisle, 358 Albany, Shreveport 71105
Caddo Heights .... Mrs. John Simons, Jr., 2011 Brent St., Shreveport 71108
Cedar Grove ..... Mrs. Harry N. Harpole, 835 Windsor Dr., Shreveport
Christ Church ..... Mrs. Jim Hrbacek, 8713 Yancy, Shreveport
Ellerbe Rd. ..... Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Forbing 71026
First Church ..... Mrs. Joe J. Mickle, 941 Gladstone, Shreveport 71104
Lakeview ..... Mrs. W. E. Heffington, 3405 Sandra Dr., Shreveport
Mangum ..... Mrs. E. A. Oxford, 3767 Elmer Lane, Shreveport
Morningside ..... Mrs. Terry Willis, 2735 Amhurst, Shreveport
Noel ..... Mrs. J. F. Rosett, 961 Audubon, Shreveport 71105
North Highland ..... Mrs. George E. Freeman, 3231 Dearborn St., Shreveport
St. Luke ..... Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, 127 Swedes Ave., Shreveport 71105
Summer Grove ..... Mrs. H. P. Reyenga, 840 Francais, Shreveport
Trinity ..... Mrs. W. L. Simmons, Jr., 3744 Oakrest, Shreveport
Wesley ..... Mrs. Carl Musgrove, 6628 Quilen, Shreveport 71108
Wynn ..... Mrs. J. W. Cureton, 3457 Desoto St., Shreveport 71109

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

1964 - 1965

The Administrative Committee met in the library of James Dormitory at Centenary College on August 2, 1964, and took the following actions: (1) approved sending the Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society and the Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the Guild to the National Convocation on Christian Social Concerns in Washington, D.C., and to the United Nations Seminar in New York, October 8-16, 1964, the funds to be taken from the items marked cooperative meetings and miscellaneous in the budgets of the Woman's Society and the Guild; (2) approved obtaining insurance for members of the Executive Committee for Mid-Year Meeting in Ruston; (3) approved the Conference President attending the Triennial Assembly of the United Church Women in Kansas City following the meeting of the Jurisdiction Executive Council.

(Approved by Executive Committee, November 4, 1964)

In September the members of the Administrative Committee were polled by letter and by telephone and approved the following actions: (1) sending an In Remembrance Gift in memory of Mr. J. T. Salter, father of Mrs. J. E. McCampbell, Alexandria District Treasurer; (2) purchase of a $1000 Sustaining Membership to be presented to Mrs. Glenn Laskey at the Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee in recognition of her election as President of the Woman's Division.

(Approved by Executive Committee, Nov. 4, 1964)

In February the Administrative Committee, polled by personal interview and by letter, approved sending an In Remembrance Gift in memory of Mr. A. B. Lawrence, brother of Mrs. W. D. Snelling, Shreveport District President.

(Approved by Executive Committee, March 9, 1964)

In May the Administrative Committee was polled by letter and approved the appointment of Mrs. W. E. Trice as Conference Recording Secretary to replace Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., who is moving from the Conference.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President
Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.
Recording Secretary

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Ruston, Louisiana — November 4-6, 1964

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 9:30 a.m., November 4, 1964, in the Margaret Rainwater Fuller Chapel of Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, with the president, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, presiding.

Mrs. Dameron opened the meeting by reading "We Are Just One Friend" from the book **Shining Rim of Paradise** by Mrs. C. O. Day.

In the opening worship Mrs. T. Luster James brought the thought that God has a mission for each of us and that we must find what that mission is. She said that we must learn to assume the responsibilities as well as the joys of being children of God. We must decide again and again each day and each year to be a Christian — with a growing faith and a continuing decision to serve God. We can prepare to be better channels for God by personal prayer, Bible reading, and sharing. She closed the devotional period with prayer.

Mrs. Dameron introduced Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Knox from **The Louisiana Methodist** and Mrs. John Oldham, who with Mr. Oldham, conducted the Youth Tour. She then presented Mrs. Glenn Laskey in her official capacity as the new president of the Woman's Division.

Mrs. Dameron introduced Mrs. Hale Shadow, president of Trinity Woman's Society, who welcomed the committee to Ruston and to Trinity Church.

Mrs. Dameron presented Miss Maryruth Nickels, a Field Worker for the Division who spent the month of October in the Louisiana Conference, to give an evaluation of her itineration. Miss Nickels expressed thanks to all who had a part in planning her meetings in the conference. She said the results of the itineration may not be apparent immediately and that some results may never show. She urged further discussion be held in district executive meetings and that some type of follow-up be planned. She listed as suggestions for work in our conference: need to make better effort to present the total program of the Woman's Society; need to keep channels of communications between generaations open; need to search for real reason behind situations because often the spoken reasou is not the true one; exercise care not to question the commitment of those who do not agree; great need for training of Committee on Nominations; better use of committees as the key to building leadership. She also stressed the need for having training periods for churches with circles held separately from the smaller churches. A mimeographed evaluation of the itineration will be sent to the conference.

A ten minute recess was taken for coffee, courtesy of Mrs. Glen Shadow.

The roll was called by the Recording Secretary. Those present were Mesdames Dameron, J. B. Mouton, B. F. Patterson, Jr., Carl Gallaher, S. B. Dampier, John Howe, W. B. Gardner, Max Clayton, Garland Dean, C. R. McCammon, Glen Nordyke, T. M. Ellis, T. Luster James, J. B. Kelley, Charles Giessen, Glenn Laskey, Lee Tidwell, J. H. McSween, Wideman Watson, George Sexton, C. B. McGowan, A. R. Scheffer, J. E. McCampbell, Clifford Ratliff, Clark Gillingham, Robert S. Reich, George H. Thomas, M. T. Holloway, Robert Compton, S. A. Seegers, R. R. Cahal, J. E. Manis, L. C. Aycock, J. T. Spencer, Cecil Read, W. D. Snelling, J. R. Kavanaugh, and Euland Efurd.

Mrs. Dameron presented and welcomed to the committee: three new conference secretaries — Mrs. Garland Dean, secretary of missionary education; Mrs. T. M. Ellis, secretary of program materials, and Mrs. J. B. Kelly, secretary of supply work; two new district presidents—Mrs. Clifford Ratliff, Baton Rouge District; Mrs. Robert Compton, Lake Charles District; three new district treasurers — Mrs. Clark Gillingham, Baton Rouge District; Mrs. Ed Andrus (in absentia), Lake Charles District; Mrs. J. E. Manis, New Orleans District; five new district secretaries of membership cultivation — Mrs. M. T. Holloway, Lafayette District; Mrs. Curtis Welch (in absentia), Lake Charles District; Mrs. C. M. Robards (in absentia), New Orleans District, Mrs. Euland Efurd, Shreveport District; and Mrs. DeWitt James (in absentia) Alexandria District. Those not new to the committee but who are serving in new positions were also recognized.

The minutes of the Administrative Committee were read and approved. Actions of the committee contained in these minutes were: (1) approved attendance of the Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations of the

Woman's Society and the Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the Guild at the National Convocation on Christian Social Concerns in Washington and at the United Nations Seminar-Convocation in New York; (2) approved obtaining insurance for members of the Executive Committee for the mid-year meeting in Ruston; (3) approved the conference president attending the Triennial Assembly of the United Church Women in Kansas City following the meeting of the Jurisdiction Executive Council; (4) approved sending an In Remembrance Gift in honor of Mr. J. T. Salter, father of Mrs. J. E. McCampbell, Alexandria District Treasurer; and (5) approved purchase of a $1000 Sustaining Membership to be presentd to Mrs. Laskey at the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee in recognition of her election as President of the Woman's Division.

Correspondence was read and the corrections for the directory of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Report of the Conference Society were distributed by the Recording Secretary.

Committees were appointed as follows: Journal, Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. McCammon; Resolutions, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. James, and Mrs. Watson.

Luncheon was served in fellowship hall by members of the Woman's Society of Trinity Church. The Reverend D. L. McGuire, pastor of the church, returned thanks. Mrs. Dameron presented Reverend McGuire and Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. Hale Shadow, president of Trinity Society, and members who were serving as hostesses.

Wednesday afternoon was devoted to committee meetings. During the afternoon coffee was served by the two Guild units of Trinity Methodist Church.

A dinner, courtesy of Trinity Society, honoring Mrs. Laskey, was served in the fellowship hall. Dr. Henry Rickey, superintendent of the Ruston District, returned thanks. Mrs. Dameron presented the special guests: Mrs. Laskey; Mr. Glenn Laskey; Mrs. Allen Barksdale and Mrs. J. C. Ritchie, sisters of Mrs. Laskey; Dr. and Mrs. Henry Rickey; Mrs. Hale Shadow, president of Trinity Society; Mrs. Roy Ezell, president of Grace Society; Mrs. Mary Krousel, president of Guild Unit I at Trinity; Mrs. Richard Steere, president of Virginia Laskey Guild at Trinity; and Reverend and Mrs. McGuire.

Miss Arline Tyler, who arrived for the afternoon committee sessions, presented gifts to Mrs. Laskey from the Executive Committees of the Woman's Society and the Guild. A gold charm bracelet with a single gold charm to commemorate the occasion and a silver chafing dish and tray in Mrs. Laskey's hollowware pattern were the gifts chosen by the committee. Mrs. Laskey expressed appreciation to the women for their thoughtfulness.

Mrs. Dameron gave a short resume of the work Mrs. Laskey has done since accepting the office of circle leader at Trinity Methodist Church. She then presented Mrs. Laskey with a $1000 Sustaining Membership as a gift from the Louisiana Conference to show that we share her world wide vision and concern and that we will undergird her with our thoughts and prayers as she fulfills the tremendous responsibilities of her office.

Mrs. Laskey thanked the group for the pin symbolizing the gift to missions in her honor. She said she is following in the footsteps of three wonderful women who have served as president of the Division — Mrs. J. D. Bragg, Mrs. Frank Brooks, and Mrs. J. Fount Tillman. She can serve only four years as president because her term on the Board of Missions as set by General Conference will be terminated. She paid a tribute to Trinity Methodist Church and to the Louisiana Conference for the training received in each which laid the foundation for the greater responsibilities and honor that have been hers.

As a climax to the dinner Mrs. Dameron invited the following to stand together to represent all levels of the work of the Woman's Division: Mrs. Laskey, Division President; Mrs. Sexton, first Jurisdiction President; Mrs. Dameron, Conference President; Mrs. Aycock, District President; Mrs. Hale Shadow, Local President.

Reverend McGuire pronounced the benediction.

At the evening session in the chapel Mrs. Laskey reported on her election to the Presidency at the meeting of the Board of Missions in Chicago. She told of the corps of officers with whom she will be working. She will go to New York next week for a meeting on Appropriations. The budget for the first time will be worked out by both men and women. There are now four treasurers — Woman's Division, National Division, World Division and a General Treasurer. Funds from local societies will continue to be channeled in the usual way. The Bishops in Africa have asked for young Negro women for administrative work in Africa but none has been found who can qualify. This year for the first time some professionally qualified women have been elected to the Board of Missions. The whole area of program is being studied and developed under the leadership of Miss Dorothy McConnell, former editor of **World Outlook** and now Associate General Secretary of the Board of Missions.

Mrs. Dameron discussed the placing of a Regional Secretary. Questions on the sheet mailed to each member of the Executive Committee prior to this meeting were discussed. Dallas, Texas, and Little Rock, Arkansas, were suggested cities for this area. Mrs. Dameron will send a report of the discussion to the Division President.

Mrs. Tidwell, jurisdiction secretary of membership cultivation, brought a report of the meeting of the Jurisdiction Executive Council in Kansas City. She spoke of the honor that has come to our jurisdiction with the election of Mrs. Laskey to the presidency of the Woman's Division, of Mrs. J. R. Henderson as one of the vice-presidents, and of Mrs. Lamar Clark, a new member of the Board of Missions, as the parliamentarian for Mrs. Laskey. Mrs. Tidwell told of the work of Mrs. Alfredo Nañez, a new member of the Board of Missions from the Rio Grande Conference, who has translated the Program Books and much of the study materials into Spanish for the Rio Grande and the Puerto Rican Conferences. She said Mrs. Nañez reported that many of the Latin Americans and Puerto Ricans who come to this country go to English speaking churches because the pastors are better educated. She told of some of the plans for the Jurisdiction Meeting to be held in First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, on February 15-18, 1965, and invited all of the committee to attend as visitors. The theme of the meeting will be "To Serve Right Gloriously".

Historian: Mrs. Sexton reported that research work on the material for the history of the Louisiana Conference is almost complete for the Woman's Society but an effort is still being made to complete the history of the Guild. The committee is compiling a booklet of 12 to 16 pages with silver cover to be the same size of the **Annual Report** and to have the same symbol on the cover that was used on the printed program for the first Annual Meeting held at Noel Memorial Methodist Church in Shreveport in 1940. The books will be available for the Annual Meeting.

Committee on Tours: Mrs. McCammon reported that the Conference Mission Tour for young people covered approximately 3000 miles west of Louisiana and visited projects under the Division of National Missions. There were 32 young people on the tour which was directed by Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham of Baton Rouge. It is the unanimous recommendation of the Tour Committee that the tours be continued. The length of the trip last summer spent the back-log of money. Now the only money available is the $300 budgeted for tours. Perhaps the tour next summer will have to be increased slightly in price to the individuals on the tour. Mrs. McCammon moved that a tour be held next summer if finances are available. **Motion carried.** Mr. and Mrs. Oldham can be directors of the tour again next year.

The group moved into the Men's Bible Class room to see the slides and hear a report on the tour by Mrs. Oldham. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Dameron.

THURSDAY MORNING

In his opening meditation Reverend McGuire spoke of the three women who went to roll away the stone from the tomb — a seemingly impossible task for them; but the important thing for us to remember is that they kept going. He said we always have personal stones to roll away but it is important that we,

too, keep going. We face problems and challenges but God gives us the strength to bear what we cannot bear alone and what we cannot change. There are stones over doors through which we must pass but not a single door will close without God helping us to open another one. By our living we can walk in faith and share that faith with others. He closed his meditation with prayer.

Mrs. Dameron asked for copies of the Evaluation Reports. She asked the district executive committees to study them and to send their recommendations to the Division.

Reports were continued.

Mrs. Gardner reported on her trip to the National Convocation of the Board of Christian Social Concerns and the United Nations Seminar. Both meetings stressed working together of the Board and the Woman's Society. The Conference on Christian Social Concerns met in groups to study the problems the Board will be presenting this quadrennium. Miss Thelma Stevens was the leader of the group in which Mrs. Gardner worked. Mrs. Gardner said that as a result of her trip she hopes to have a deeper understanding of her work and to be able to work better with the Guild, the Woman's Society and the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Mrs. Giessen gave a report on the Regional Stewardship Seminar in Dallas and thanked the Louisiana Conference for the privilege of attending the meeting. The seminar is the first of its kind ever held. There were 25 present, representing 11 conferences. Five of those present were from Louisiana.

Mrs. Dameron asked Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Giessen to prepare mimeographed material of the meetings they attended and mail to all members of the Executive Committee. She reminded the committee that a member of the local Woman's Society is now a member of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance.

A short recess was taken for coffee served by the Woman's Society of Downsville Methodist Church.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws: Mrs. McSween, chairman of the committee, distributed copies of the Constitution and Bylaws with the changes underlined and read the proposed changes. With the aid of posters she showed the details for election of officers for this quadrennium. For clarification of the pattern as stated in Article IV, Section I:

1966 — 4 year term	**1966 — 2 year term**
President	Treasurer
Secretary for Campus Ministry	Secretary of Missionary Personnel
Secretary of Christian Social Relations	
Secretary of Program Materials	
Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation	
Secretary of Supply Work	

This division of terms of office is for this one election only and is necessary to bring the pattern in line with Elections in the Bylaws. The material distributed is for study and will be voted on at the Spring Executive Committee Meeting before being presented for adoption at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was recessed at noon for a luncheon at Grace Methodist Church served by the Woman's Society of that church. Reverend Wilson Watson, pastor of the host church, gave the invocation. Mrs. Dameron introduced Reverend Watson and Mrs. Watson; Mrs. Roy Ezell, president of Grace Society; and members of the society who served as hostesses.

The afternoon session was opened in the chapel of the Trinity Methodist Church at 1:30 p.m. with prayer by Mrs. McCammon.

Committee on Nominations: Mrs. Watson asked each member of the Executive Committee to consider the number of offices to be filled in 1966 and to write her names and addresses of capable women who may be contacted to serve in various capacities.

District Presidents: Each of the eight district presidents gave a report of the work in her district. All of them told of the workshops held on **Program and Purpose for A New Age.** Some of the results of the itineration of Miss Nickels and some of the hopes for the districts as an outgrowth of her visit were told. Some societies in each district had trouble receiving the Evaluation **Reports.**

Mrs. Dameron asked Mrs. Ellis to send a request to **The Louisiana Methodist** to publicize the way in which the reports were received.

Reports of the officers and secretaries followed.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Patterson reported that the routine work relating to the office had been performed. She stated the office of recording secretary now has a new look on all levels. The recording secretary is responsible for mailing lists of officers and secretaries to the proper persons as soon as the election is held and is responsible for sending notices of any changes in personnel or in addresses. She signs all orders on the treasury. The local secretary is responsible for helping the president send reports and for keeping a copy of every report mailed. A letter informing them of these additional duties was sent to every local and district secretary.

Committee on Annual Report: Mrs. Patterson reported that 850 copies of the **Annual Report** were printed with 148 pages plus covers. Some were distributed at the School of Missions in Shreveport. 563 copies were mailed for four cents postage each. Ten copies were returned because of incorrect address. The printer very willingly pulled already set type and printed the new Constitution and Bylaws as revised by the Woman's Division. It is a tribute to the untiring efforts of the former recording secretary, the president, and the chairman of the Committee on Consitution and Bylaws, Mrs. McSween, that Louisiana is one of the few conferences to have the new Bylaws in the **Twenty-Fourth Annual Report.**

Treasurer: Mrs. Gallaher gave the following report for the first quarter 1964-65:

Cash Balance -- May 20, 1964			$16,457.05
Receipts first quarter			37,108.07
Total to Account for			$53,565.12
Disbursements:			
To Woman's Division			
Paid on Pledge -- WSCS		$13,258.28	
WSG		2,087.11	
		15,345.39	
Children's Fund		47.78	
Youth Fund (sent directly to New York)		1,756.38	
		17,149.55	
Supply Work		4,637.88	
Call to Prayer		17.54	
Supplementary		15.00	
		21,819.97	
One-fourth Martha Overbey salary		675.00	
		22,494.97	
La. Moral and Civic Foundation		623.89	
Transient Funds		972.05	
Conference Cultivation Fund		4,680.76	$28,771.67
Balance in Bank and Savings Account			24,793.45
Total Accounted For			$53,565.12
Distributed as follows:			
First Federal Savings and Loan Association			
Alexandria, La., Special Account		$1,349.52	
Rapides Bldg. and Loan, Alexandria		3,000.00	
Whitney National Bank, New Orleans			
Checking Account			
Recruitment Fund	635.00		
Cultivation Fund	19,808.93	20,443.93	
		$24,793.45	

Committee on Finance: Mrs. McCampbell read the following recommendations from the Committee on Finance and moved their adoption. They were voted on separately and all except No. 3 were adopted.

1. That the 1965-66 Pledge to Missions be $156,096.00
   That the 1965-66 Conference Budget be 13.020.00
   Total Pledge $169,116.00

   That the District Pledges to Conference be:

Alexandria	14,307.00
Baton Rouge	26,272.00
Lafayette	13,554.00
Lake Charles	20,094.00
Monroe	19,943.00
New Orleans	21,862.00
Ruston	17,335.00
Shreveport	35,749.00
Total	$169,116.00

2. That the Conference Budget for 1965-66 be:

Officers' Expense	$1,400.00
Annual Meeting	1,500.00
Annual Report	1,400.00
Mid-year Executive Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Meeting	750.00
Conference School of Christian Mission	1,300.00
Regional School of Christian Mission	650.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Christian Vocations	200.00
Conference Youth Director	600.00
Cooperative Meetings	450.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	850.00
Division Cultivation	80.00
Miscellaneous	565.00
Conference News	625.00
Tour	300.00
Guild	1,800.00
Total	$13,020.00

3. That the Committee on History be authorized to have 500 copies of the Louisiana Conference History printed; the number of copies printed may be increased if the demand warrants. (Referred to a special committee composed of Mrs. Howe, Mrs. James and Mrs. Gallaher. See Report of Committee, page 33).

4. That insurance coverage be provided for the Annual Meeting — details to be worked out by the Conference Treasurer, President, and Local General Chairman of the Annual Meeting.

5. That, in case we have workers invited to the Annual Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, two-thirds of their expense will be provided by this conference society.

6. That the Louisiana Conference "Burn the Candle" for five minutes at the Annual Meeting of the Jurisdiction Society in Houston to honor Mrs. Lee Tidwell, who is retiring.

7. That we follow Standing Rule 19 (p. 114 24th Annual Report) honoring new workers and that we strive to present an Honorary Membership to each of the retiring workers — Miss Wilhemina Hooper and Miss Fae Daves.

8. That the expenses of two cars from each district to the Conference School of Christian Mission be paid by the conference for the year 1965-66. Each car is expected to accommodate 4 district officers or to be filled according to Standing Rule 14. (pg. 113, 24th Annual Report)

9. That District Officer Training be held in Alexandria, April 21-22, 1965.

10. That the Conference Treasurer be allowed to have additional expense account blanks printed when the present supply is exhausted.

11. That the Conference Society grant permission to have bound the two final volumes of the Louisiana Conference Annual **Reports** covering the first and second and the fifth and sixth quadrennia, the cost to be slightly more than previous bindings.

A coffee break was enjoyed through the courtesy of Mrs. Aycock; her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Fowler; and three granddaughters — Donna, Dianne, and Dawn Fowler.

Vice-President: Mrs. Mouton helped the district officers attending the School of Missions plan their workshops and assisted in the workshop for one district. She gave a resume of the workshops: two districts had only one meeting as a district wide workshop; the others held a district wide meeting for part of the material and used the remainder in Zone Meetings. More women were reached in the Zone Meetings than in the district wide meetings. Mrs. Mouton was the Louisiana representative from the United Church Women to the United Nations Workshop in New York in June. She has cooperated with the United Church Women in setting up workshops for leadership training sessions; assisted the World Relations Chairman of the Lake Charles area to present the study for World Community Day; was a panelist on the program celebrating UN Day for the League of Women Voters; and will moderate a panel for World Community Day in Monroe on November 6th. This participation is a particular directive for vice-presidents during this quadrennium. She has been appointed to the National Board of Interpretation and Public Relations for UCW and is a trustee for the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation. She also serves as a member of the boards at MacDonell and Dulac.

Secretary for Campus Ministry: Mrs. Howe reported that several of our Wesley Foundations in Louisiana are operating with a severe shortage of funds. None operates on a budget that allows fullest development of its program. The task of Secretaries for Campus Ministry is to interpret, inform, and inspire, and at present they are the only ones with that specific responsibility. Local secretaries are urged to use every possible resource to bring the campus ministry to the attention of the entire church membership so the churches will respond to the very real needs of our Wesley Foundations and our total campus ministry. The needs of the Wesley Foundations should be presented to the churches with the reasons why the local churches should meet their askings for them. The Woman's Society member of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance should be well informed as to these needs.

Secretary of Children's Work: Mrs. Dampier stated that after several years of preparation the new **Christian Studies for Methodist Children** reached the local churches in September. Both conference and district workshops on the new curriculum have been held. She held a clinic for secretaries of children's work at the School of Missions, to help prepare the secretaries for the new literature. On motion of Mrs. Dampier, the committee approved a plan for a coordinated approach to Missionary Education of Children which had been adopted by the Conference Council Meeting in Bunkie, October 7 and 8, and which had been approved by the Jurisdiction Secretary of Children's Work.

Secretary of Christian Social Relations: Mrs. Gardner expressed appreciation for the privilege of attending the Convocation in Washington and the Seminar in New York and offered to share her experiences with any group which invites her. Plans are underway for a workshop on **Learning to Meet Controversy** to be held at Trinity Methodist Church in Alexandria on February 3-5, 1965. Packets with materials for this meeting are to be sent to the district secretaries of Christian Social Relations and to the district directors of the Board of Christian Social Concerns. She urged all district presidents to attend

and to promote the workshop in executive committee meetings. Representatives from the Central Jurisdiction will be invited to the meeting. The United Nations and the National Council of Churches are two major concerns for our conference and are to be the two areas of discussion in this workshop. Miss Thelma Stevens will be the resource person for the National Council of Churches. Mrs. C. A. Bender will send a resource person for the United Nations.

Secretary of Membership Cultivation: Mrs. Clayton reported that 6 of the 8 districts were represented in the clinic at the School of Missions in Shreveport. There was much interest in the discussions on the change of duties of the office. All materials available at the time were sent to those not in attendance. She stated that all local societies are being urged to continue the visitation program started last year. She expressed appreciation for the thoughtful cooperation of the districts in sending the necessary information on scheduled meetings for Miss Nickels, thus making her task of setting up the itineration a pleasant one. She said the itineration of Miss Nickels had been a privilege for the conference. She announced the training school for district officers will be held in Alexandria on April 21-22, 1965. Each conference officer and secretary is urged to begin her plans now for the meeting and to submit suggestions to Mrs. Clayton for the arrangements of clinics.

Mrs. Dameron asked the district presidents to alert their Committees on Nominations of this training period and have them insist that the officers and secretaries who are asked to serve attend this meeting if possible.

Secretary of Missionary Education: Mrs. Dean reported that 18 from Louisiana attended the Jurisdiction School of Missions. With the aid of a flip chart she presented the new arrangements for holding Regional Schools of Christian Mission. Louisiana Conference is in the Gulf Region and will attend the school at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, June 7-11, 1965. The pattern of attendance includes all conference officers and secretaries, the conference secretary of the Guild, the recording secretary and chairmen of the Guild. The Regional School will comprise parts of three jurisdictions and will include four ethnic groups: Indian, Caucasian, Latin American and Negro. The films which have been formerly circulated by the secretary of missionary education have been placed in the film library of the Area Council Office. New films purchased this year are: **Brothers in Burma, The New Flag, New Nations Challenge Christianity, After the Flag, Amigos Latinos, In the Wake of the Santa Maria** and **New Neighbors from Cuba.**

Committee on School of Christian Mission: The 1964 School of Missions had a total attendance of 323, with 260 enrolled in classes and representing 113 churches. The 1965 school will be held August 9-13. The unified theme will be **Mission: the Christian's Calling.** The topie for the application groups and the teachers secured to date are: (1) **The Witness of Every Christian,** Mrs. C. B. McGowan and Mrs. C. R. McCammon; (2) **Social Issues for the Christian,** Mrs. Earl Cotton and Mrs. George Hart; (3) **Outreach through Missions,** Mrs. Russell Heaner and Mrs. John Howe. Miss Ethelene Sampley will lead the plenary session on the Bible study of **The Book of Acts.**

Secretary of Missionary Personnel: Mrs. McCammon reported a definite improvement in the outlook of missionary personnel due partly to the tours. Carol Wood and Carole Cotton, both seniors at Centenary College, have applied to the Board of Missions as short term missionaries — Carol Wood for overseas and Carole Cotton as a US-2. It is anticipated the girls will begin their service in September, 1965. Both of the girls attended the Christian Vocations Weekend held in October. In addition to these two, Diane Watkins, a student at Louisiana State University, was also sent by our conference. Experiences such as the ones received at these meetings have contributed to these decisions. A most successful tour was conducted this past summer under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham. Mrs. McCammon expressed appreciation for the dedication and leadership which they brought to this project. She stated the Oldhams will be happy to share their slides and experiences of the tour with any group requesting them. Dr. Richard Bauer of the Interboard

Committee of Christian Vocations recently toured Louisiana under the sponsorship of the Conference Committee on Christian Vocations. General Conference made mandatory the election of a Secretary of Christian Vocations by the Quarterly Conference of each preaching charge. This secretary will serve as chairman of the local Committee on Christian Vocations. The Woman's Society will elect a representative to this committee.

Secretary of Missionary Service: Mrs. Nordyke told of the four new workers in the conference: three at St. Marks — Danny E. Harrison, boys worker and athletic director; Miss Edrene Downs, a US-2 serving as a program worker; and Miss Susan Jones, a contract worker who also serves as a program worker; the fourth new worker, Miss Shirley Nicholas, is a fifth grade teacher at Sager-Brown. We have lost Miss Wilma Snare from St. Marks, Miss Shirley Manning from Sager-Brown, and will lose Mrs. Ruth Dixon Maddy from Business Girls Inn. Birthday cards are sent to each worker on her day to let her know she is remembered by each of us for her dedicated work.

Secretary of Program Materials: Mrs. Ellis said there is a new look to this office at the beginning of the quadrennium — a new name for a familiar job with added responsibilities and opportunities for service and a greater significance in the total program of the Woman's Society and the Guild. Evaluation Reports are new and up to date. The current one is good only through November — a new one will come in the April issue of **The Methodist Woman.** There is much help available in **The Methodist Woman** and **The World Outlook** for program planning and the ongoing of the Woman's Society and the Guild. A wealth of material — leaflets, books, film strips, etc. — is available to help any program. She closed by saying that a person who can read and does not is as illiterate as one who never learned to read.

The meeting was recessed at 5:30 p.m.

For dinner the members of the Committee were guests of Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Mrs. Cecil Read, and Mrs. J. T. Spencer in the Gold Room of the Holiday Inn. Dr. and Mrs. Henry Rickey were invited to share the occasion. Dr. Rickey returned thanks. Before returning to the church the president thanked the hostesses for their courtesy to the Executive Committee.

The meeting was resumed at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel of Trinity Methodist Church.

Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation: Mrs. James reported she had attended both the Jurisdiction and the Conference Schools of Missions. In the clinic which she held for the Conference School she was privileged to have the assistance of Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Mrs. Dana Dawson, Mrs. W. W. Paxton,, and Mrs. George Sexton. There were 37 in the clinic. As a member of the Jurisdiction Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation she worked with the group at Mt. Sequoyah to formulate recommendations for this office. The Jurisdiction Executive Council approved these recommendations. She spoke on the need for training district officers on spiritual life cultivation and asked permission to plan a school of prayer — perhaps on the morning of the district officer training in Alexandria.

Mrs. Dameron said this training is one of the recommendations Miss Nickels made for our conference.

Mrs. Thomas moved that the Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation be authorized to plan a school of prayer for the district secretaries of spiritual life cultivation and one other person from each district who is a member of the district executive committee at such a time as seems feasible. **Motion carried.**

Secretary of Supply Work: Mrs. Kelley said that due to the organizational changes in the structure of the Woman's Society, reports on supply work at all levels are made through the treasurers, thus eliminating much of the contact between the conference and district secretaries. She notified the district secretaries of this change and urged them to keep their local secretaries informed of the fields of work and of the need to make supply work meaningful.

She also stressed the importance of the Christmas in August giving. Approximately one fourth of the askings were paid the first quarter, indicating the asking will be paid in full. During the past year 62,260 Red Scissors Coupons were sent to St. Marks and were redeemed for $266.30. The quota for the current year is again 60,000 coupons. The members of the Woman's Societies are asked to stress the importance of saving these coupons for St. Marks.

Secretary of Youth Work: Mrs. Giessen in reporting her activities of the past year said she served as Dean of Girls at the Methodist Youth Assembly in June; corresponded with each young person who attended the 8th National Convocation of Methodist Youth on the campus of Purdue University in July; planned for several youth to attend the M.Y.F. Regional Meeting at Mt. Sequoyah; attended the Regional Stewardship Seminar in Dallas in September, and attended the M.Y.F. Council at Camp Istrouma in October. Several district secretaries of youth work reported mission studies for youth have been presented in various ways. They have had the opportunity in district meetings of pointing up ways in which the Commission on Missions, the Commission on Education and the Committee on Christian Vocations or the Secretary of Christian Vocations in churches where there is no committee can strengthen Christian outreach for our youth in the local church. This is a very crucial year for this office because it is the last one in which the Woman's Society will have direct responsibility for missionary education of youth. We need to lay the ground work for this before the office of secretary of youth work is dissolved. MY Fund giving has been stressed this year and will continue to be emphasized. The conference reported an increase in MY Fund of $458.23 this year and anticipates another gain in 1965. A youth dinner is planned during the Annual Meeting in Shreveport with Dr. Jack Wilkes, new president of Centenary College, as speaker.

At this time the Reverend William Stokes, director of the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech, was presented.

President: Mrs. Dameron reported the most important meeting she attended this year was General Conference in Pittsburgh and expressed appreciation for being sent as one of the delegates from Louisiana. She was selected as one to serve on the planning committee for the Regional School of Christian Mission and was elected Assistant Dean of the school. Because of the restructuring of the Board of Missions and the changes in the Woman's Division she has spent much time in meeting with small groups interpreting the changes and trying to develop plans for moving forward with the least amount of disruption. We will be challenged over and over by the changes and by the opportunities for enlarged and new opportunities in our programs. One of the most significant planning groups in the Woman's Division is the new Committee on Ecumenical Relations. Greater emphasis is being placed on cooperation with the United Church Women with four officers in the local, district, and conference societies charged with promoting such cooperation: the vice-president, the secretaries of Christian social relations, missionary education, and spiritual life cultivation. A stronger emphasis on membership will come with the new name and specific responsibilities in this area being given the secretary of membershp cultivation. The Evaluation Reports and the Handbooks will call for new understanding. All of these areas offer unusual challenge but they point to the need for well planned officer training periods for every local society as well as concentrated study on the part of the district and conference executive committees. Underlying all of this is the new statement of purpose of the Woman's Society and the Guild which points up the necessity for helping all of the women of the church grow in their spiritual experience and in their response to the redemptive purpose of God in their lives.

Alexandria District Advisory Committee: Mrs. McSween said the Alexandria District Advisory Committee met October 22 in Alexandria. Mrs. A. R. Scheffer was elected secretary of the committee. Ministerial changes in the area involved: Rev. E. W. Sandel, serving Trout, Urania, and Eden; Rev. E. J. Barksdale, serving Jena and Belah; Rev. Wade serving Olla and Tullos; and Rev. Lankford of Pollock serving Lewis Chapel. Rev. Wade will discuss the

advisability of combining youth activities of Urania where there are few young people with the youth group at Olla. Because it is felt the greatest need at this time is in the Urania and Tullos churches Mrs. Martha Overbey will concentrate her work in these two churches until Christmas. The committee expressed hope that the newly named ministers and the members of their churches not in the original area will be drawn into the activities of the churches where their minister serves.

Louisiana Conference News: Mrs. McGowan outlined plans for the next paper which will be published in January, 1965. She asked that any changes in personnel or in addresses be sent to her.

Mrs. Watson moved that 2 copies of the **Louisiana Conference News** be sent to the president of each local society and one copy to the president of each local Guild unit. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dameron stated that at the Guild Committee Meeting a committee had been appointed to explore the possibility of combining the **Louisiana Conference News** and **The Guild Times.**

Mrs. Ratliff moved that the president appoint a committee to work with the one from the Guild to discuss having only one paper in the conference. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dameron appointed the committee with Mrs. McGowan chairman, Mrs. Gallaher, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. McCammon.

Special Committee on Recommendation: Mrs. Clayton reported on the study made by the special committee on distribution of Recommendations and moved that the **Recommendations** from the conference officers and secretaries be sent to one person to be mimeographed and mailed to the local societies for study prior to the Annual Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dameron announced the mimeographing will be done in Alexandria and asked Mrs. Scheffer to assume the responsibility of assembling the material and stuffing the envelopes for mailing.

Committee on Annual Meeting Program: Mrs. Howe distributed copies of the program as planned to date. The theme of the meeting is **Go Ye Therefore** with the theme hymn to be **Lead on O King Eternal.** She distributed lists of the local committee chairmen and requested the proper chairman be contacted for any needs for the meeting. She also asked that a carbon copy of each request be sent to the local General Chairman.

Mrs. Dameron said the play written by Mrs. Howe for use in our Annual Meeting this year is being prepared for printing by Miss Frances Eschelman, one of the Woman's Division editors.

Special Committee: Mrs. Gallaher in reporting for the special committee appointed to study Recommendation 3 from the Committee on Finance moved the adoption of the following recommendation: that the Committee on History be authorized to have printed 500 copies of the Louisiana Conference History; that the number of copies may be increased if sufficient orders are received from the districts by January 15, and that all copies are to be sold for fifty cents per copy with the exception of complimentary copies to be given to persons selected by the Committee on History.

Mrs. Thomas moved to amend the motion by inserting the words with payment after the word **received. Motion carried.**

The recommendation from the special committe was adopted as amended.

Mrs. Gallaher brought an additional recommendation from the Committee on Finance — to be number 12 — that $400.00 from the Recruitment Fund be used to help finance the 1965 tour and moved its adoption. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Nordyke brought the following recommendation from the Committee on School of Christian Mission and moved its adoption: that the following persons, if not already members of this committee, be added to the committee the year they are serving — Treasurer, Assistant Dean, Registrar, Chairman of Arrangements, Chairman for Audio-Visual Resources. **Motion carried.**

Committee on Mid-Year and Annual Meeting Place: Mrs. James brought a tentative invitation to hold the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting in 1965 at Henning Memorial Methodist Church in Sulphur.

Mrs. Reich brought an invitation from the William B. Reilly Memorial Methodist Church in Baton Rouge for the Annual Meeting in 1966. Appreciation for this invitation was expressed.

Mrs. Patterson presented the book of the Charter Certificates which has been bound and after the Annual Meeting in 1965 will be placed in the Special Collections Room at the Centenary Library. According to the dates on the charters, Waterproof is the oldest society in the conference, having been organized August 5, 1940.

Mrs. Dampier distributed schedules by which the conference officers and secretaries are to submit articles to **The Louisiana Methodist.** Copy has to be in the newspaper office on the Saturday before the list date. It will be necessary to publish three articles a month in order to get all of them in before the end of the conference year.

Mrs. Dameron appointed Mrs. Clayton, chairman, Mrs. James, Mrs. Aycock, and Mrs. Ratliff as a committee to plan the district officer training to be held in Alexandria on April 21-22, 1965.

Mrs. Thomas reported on the damage at Dulac as a result of "Hilda" and Mrs. Howe told of the damage at Sager-Brown. Bob Reid, property consultant from the Division office, has surveyed the results of the hurricane. Most of the damage at Dulac is due to water damage and is not covered by insurance. Loss of the roof on the girl's building at Sager-Brown is covered by insurance but the water damage is not.

Mrs. Howe announced the long planned study of MacDonell will begin December 1st.

Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. Ellis read the following resolutions which were adopted:

We, the members of the Louisiana Conference Executive Committee, express our gratitude for the hospitality extended to us by the women of Ruston and the Ruston District.

We wish to thank Mrs. Hale Shadow, President of Trinity Woman's Society of Christian Service and those who assisted her — Mrs. H. D. Burkhalter, Mrs. Allen Barksdale, and Mrs. Glen Shadow — for their thoughtful preparation for our meeting. Also we are grateful to the presidents of the Trinity Wesleyan Service Guilds — Mrs. R. M. Steere and Mrs. Walter Krousel.

A special thanks to the women of Grace and Downsville Woman's Societies of Christian Service who assisted in hostess responsibilities.

It was a joy to be welcomed into the lovely homes of Ruston. We are grateful to those who so lovingly prepared the delicious meals and arranged the profusion of beautiful flowers.

The dinner at the T. L. James home on Tuesday evening was a delightful beginning for our meeting together.

The coffee breaks gave us periods of needed relaxation.

Always we will remember with deepest appreciation the beautiful dinner honoring Mrs. Glenn Laskey, newly elected president of the Woman's Division. We keenly felt the privilege and high honor that has come to her. The love and respect for her in the Louisiana Conference was expressed in a tangible way through the presentation of a Sustaining Membership. Of special significance was the presence of those representing each part of the work of the Woman's Division — Mrs. Glen Laskey, President Woman's Division; Mrs. George Sexton, First Jurisdiction President; Mrs. George Dameron, Conference President; Mrs. L. C. Aycock, District President; and Mrs. Hale Shadow, Local President.

On Thursday morning Reverend Douglas McGuire, host pastor, set the spiritual tone for our day with a most challenging message.

The concluding dinner at the Holiday Inn with Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Mrs. Cecil Read, and Mrs. J. T. Spencer as hostesses, was a lovely occasion.

We are indeed grateful for the capable direction of Mrs. L. C. Aycock, District President, whose careful planning could be felt throughout the entire meeting. The warmth of her welcome was expressed in a delightful way as she shared with us her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Fowler, Jr., and her three granddaughters — Donna, Dianne, and Dawn Fowler.

As we come to the close of these wonderful days of work and Christian Fellowship we say with Paul, "We thank our God for every remembrance of you, always remembering you in our prayers".

Mrs. T. M. Ellis
Mrs. T. Luster James
Mrs. Wideman Watson

Mrs. Cahal reported on the condition of Miss Sophie Kuntz who underwent throat surgery in March. Miss Kuntz is going to Tulane University twice a week for speech therapy and can now speak well enough to be understood.

Mrs. Dameron expressed appreciation to the committee for being so cooperative and industrious. She closed the meeting with the prayer "We Thank Thee Lord" from the book **Shining Rim of Paradise** by Mrs. C. O. Day.

Approved: Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Mrs. C. R. McCammon

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President
Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.
Recording Secretary

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Shreveport, Louisiana — March 9, 1965

The Spring meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 11:00 a.m., March 9, 1965, in Activities Hall of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, with the president, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, presiding. Mrs. Dameron in her opening worship stressed the relationship of the purpose of the Woman's Society to the church emphasis of "One Witness in One World". She stated that each of us needs to make a self appraisal of what the Lordship of Jesus Christ means to us as Methodist women in places of leadership. We can lead no better than we ourselves have learned. We are to witness in the framework of our own personality. She said the new emphasis is on the total church for total witness — the church as a mission — for unless we are truly witnesses we are not really disciples. She closed her meditation with prayer.

The roll was called by the Recording Secretary. Those present were: Mesdames G. W. Dameron, J. B. Mouton, B. F. Patterson, Jr., Carl Gallaher, S. B. Dampier, John L. Howe, Jr., W. B. Gardner, Max Clayton, Garland Dean, Jr., C. R. McCammon, Glen R. Nordyke, T. M. Ellis, T. Luster James, J. B. Kelley, Charles Giessen, J. H. McSween, George Sexton, A. R. Scheffer, J. E. McCampbell, Clifford Ratliff, Robert S. Reich, George H. Thomas, Robert Compton, S. A. Seegers, George Goodwin, R. R. Cahal, C. M. Robards, L. C. Aycock, J. T. Spencer, Cecil Read, W. D. Snelling, J. R. Kavanaugh, Euland Efurd, and Miss Arline Tyler.

It was reported that Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. J. E. Manis, and Mrs. M. T. Holloway were absent because of illness in their respective families. Mrs. Gallaher was requested to send cards to those who were absent.

Mrs. George Goodwin was introduced at this time as the new secretary of membership cultivation of the Monroe District.

Correspondence was read by the Secretary.

Minutes of the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, which had been circulated, were accepted with corrections which are to be incorporated in the published minutes.

Ad interim action of the Administrative Committee was read and approved as follows: approved sending an In Remembrance Gift in honor of Mr. A. B. Lawrence, brother of Mrs. W. D. Snelling, president of the Shreveport District.

Mrs. Sexton reported on the work done by the History Committee in assembling and printing the 25th Anniversary booklets. She said that because of the number of advance orders the original order of 500 books was increased to 1100. The total cost of the printing was $367.79.

Mrs. Thomas moved a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Sexton for work done on the books. Mrs. Dameron expressed thanks to Mrs. Sexton and her committee. Complimentary copies, autographed by Mrs. Sexton, were distributed to members of the Executive Committee.

The President appointed the following committees: **Journal**, Mesdames Ellis, Dampier; **Resolutions and Petitions**, Mesdames McCammon, Read, Mouton; **Courtesies**, Mesdames Thomas, Kelley, Snelling, James.

The President distributed extra Recommendations to the District Presidents and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Scheffer for assembling and mailing the Recommendations to the local societies.

The meeting was recessed at 12:00 noon for a luncheon at the home of Mrs. G. F. Abendroth on Millicent Way, courtesy of the Woman's Society of Broadmoor Methodist Church. Visitors at the luncheon were the two ministers of Broadmoor, the Reverend Robert Crichlow and the Reverend Brady Forman, their wives, and Mrs. L. G. Thomas, president of the Board of Business Girl's Inn.

The afternoon meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Abendroth. The President called for reports of officers and secretaries.

Vice-President: Mrs. Mouton said the workshops similar to those of last year will again be held this year. She told of planning sessions scheduled at the School of Christian Mission to give the district officers help in planning for their district workshop.

Children's Work: Mrs. Dampier reported the responsibility for missionary education of children and youth now lies with the Boards of Education in the Annual Conferences. She also said in the new structure children's groups can give to the Children's Fund for Christian Mission. These funds are to be sent to the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education in Nashville, plainly marked "Children's Fund."

Campus Ministry: Mrs. Howe reported she attended the 8th Quadrennial Conference of the Methodist Student Movement in Lincoln, Nebraska, during the Chiristmas holidays. She asked the women to read the article in the March issue of the **World Outlook** entitled "Encounter with Openness" which tells of the meeting.

Missionary Education: Mrs. Dean told of the recommendations in the Handbook for the Woman's Society of holding church-wide studies in cooperation with the Woman's Society. She said plans are being made to hold pilot schools in 1966 for leadership training opportunities in the area of missionary education which will be jointly sponsored by the Annual Conferences and the Woman's Society. The 1965 Schools of Christian Mission are open to any Conference Missionary Secretary who desires to attend.

Supply Work: Mrs. Kelley reported that at the end of the third quarter the supply askings are being well overpaid so the askings will probably be met in full.

Youth Work: Mrs. Giessen told of plans for the Youth Banquet to be held on Thursday night at which Dr. Jack Wilkes, president of Centenary College, will be the speaker. She also gave details for the promotion of missionary education of our youth now that the office of secretary of youth work is being discontinued. Under the new plan the superintendent of the youth division in the local church is responsible for mission studies in the youth department.

Mrs. Dameron announced at this time that Mrs. Giessen is the newly elected Jurisdiction Secretary of Missionary Personnel, having been elected to that office at the Jurisdiction Meeting in Houston in February. She stated, too, that since Unification Louisiana has been fortunate enough to have both a member of the Woman's Division and a jurisdiction officer and that Mrs. Giessen is carrying on that tradition.

Committee on Annual Meeting Program: Mrs. Howe gave a resume of the Annual Meeting program, stating that the program was built around the purpose of the Woman's Society and that phrases of the purpose were lifted up for each part of the program. She gave instructions to the conference officers and secretaries for the Friday morning session at which time they will answer the questions sent to them from local societies.

Treasurer: Mrs. Gallaher reported the first three quarters as follows:

Cash balance in checking account and Loan Associations	$16,457.05
Receipts	123,408.84
Total to account for	$139.865.89
Disbursements	$122,074.16
Cash balance in checking account and Loan Associations	17,791.73
Total accounted for	$139,865.89

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Woman's Division, arrived at this time and was welcomed to the meeting.

Report of Special Committee: Mrs. Thomas, reporting for Mrs. McGowan, said that a detailed study of the possibility of the merger of the **Louisiana Conference News** and the **Guild Times** was made. She stated the committee, composed of Mesdames McGowan, Thomas, Gallaher, McCammon, and the Misses Elizabeth Langford, Dorothy Dunbar, and Maree White, met in Baton Rouge on February 27, 1965. After much deliberation concerning purpose, finance, cireulation, content, personnel, and other factors, the committee made the following recommendations:

1. That the **Guild Times** and the **Louisiana Conference News** merge into a joint publication for the Conference Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild to be published four times a year;

2. That this publication be financed by subscription, supplemented from the conference cultivation fund;

3. That for the publication of this paper there be a committee composed of an editor, who shall be chairman, two assistant editors, and a circulation manager. The editors shall be appointed by the Conference President of the Woman's Society after consultation with the Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. One assistant editor shall be a member of the Woman's Society and one a member of the Guild, each to be selected after consultation with the editor. The circulation manager shall be appointed by the editor.

4. That the format of this publication be that used in **Guild Times** with size 8½" x 11" page and three hole punch;

5. That the yearly subscription price be $1.00;

6. That each local society and guild unit receive one copy of each issue at conference expense;

7. That an appropriate name be selected from suggestions submitted to this committee by members of the Woman's Society and the Guild.

8. That the editorial staff be ready to function with the January, 1966, issue of the paper.

Mrs. Thomas moved that the Executive Committee approve a merger of the **Guild Times** and the **Louisiana Conference News** with the details to be worked out by the committee originally appointed to consider this matter. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Thomas moved that the Executive Committee recommend that the Conference Society at its Annual Meeting approve a merger of the **Louisiana Conference News** and the **Guild Times** to be financed by individual subscription provided that such a merger be approved also by the Wesleyan Service Guild. **Motion carried.**

Louisiana Conference News: Mrs. Nordyke, reporting for Mrs. McGowan, stated that 1200 copies of the last issue of the **Conference News** were printed at a cost of $216.40. Two copies were mailed to the president of each society. Mrs. McGowan asked permission to print material pertaining only to the Woman's Society if carrying news of the Guild necessitates printing an extra page.

Mrs. Dameron asked Mrs. Ellis to assume responsibility for working out a schedule for articles from the conference officers and secretaries to be printed in the **Louisiana Methodist.** Mrs. Dameron requested the District Presidents to send a list of the district officers immediately after their election to Mrs. Ellis for publication in the **Louisiana Methodist.**

Mrs. Mouton gave a brief report on the meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Society in Houston. The theme of the meeting was "To Serve Right Gloriously". She told of the election of the new jurisdiction officers and secretaries. She expressed appreciation for the privilege of attending the meeting as a delegate from Louisiana.

Mrs. Laskey brought a report from the Woman's Division. She spoke of the work going forward to implement the new structural changes in the Board of Missions. She told of the plans of the National Division for work in the inner city. There is a complete change in the World Division — a trend in newness in working with emerging nations, calling it a "partnership of missions", a new way of working together in finances, planning and strategy. There is also a new plan for the support of missionaries in the World Division. All Advance Specials are now under one channel and will go towards salaries of the missionaries. The World Service dollars will go to the total ongoing of The Methodist Church. Advance Specials are now $9,000 per couple or $4,500 per person, although the actual cost of maintaining a missionary couple in the field is $14,000. The conference will still be asked for a $3,000 increase each time a worker from that conference goes on the field. Mrs. Laskey told of the wonderful cooperation that now exists as men and women work together on Extension Boards, Architectural Boards, and on policy making bodies of the Board of Missions. A membership guide is being prepared to help in a self-appraisal study — to see why we are members and what membership in the organization really means. Miss Dorothy McConnell will probably be asked to do the actual writing of the guide. The self appraisal study is to help revitalize our Woman's Societies and Guilds.

Committee on Tours: Mrs. McCammon stated that a report of the Committee on Tours is in the delegate's packets. She urged the cooperation of the women in promoting the tours in local churches. Applications for this year's tour will be received in April.

Constitution and Bylaws: Mrs. McSween gave a brief resume of the study of the proposed changes in the Constitution and By-laws presented to the Mid-Year Meeting of the Executive Committee and gave some additional changes. The proposed changes were adopted as follows:

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Amend SECTION 1, page 103, **Twenty-Fourth Annual Report**, PARAGRAPH ONE, to read:

There shall be an EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the conference society composed of the **officers and secretaries**; all members of the Division and officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction society residing within the conference; chairmen of committees, the president of each district society, the retiring conference president, who shall serve for one year, the Bishop of the area and such other persons specifically related to the work of the conference society as the society may determine; and the following ex-officio members who shall be without vote: the district treasurers, the district secretaries of membership cultivation, and the wife of the resident Bishop, who shall be an honorary vice-president. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The Division shall provide for the expense of Division members to attend one executive meeting a year of their conference society.

ARTICLE III — Committees

1. Amend SECTION 5, page 104, **Twenty-Fourth Annual Report**, PARAGRAPH ONE to read:

There shall be a COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS composed of a chairman and four district presidents. The district members shall be rotated by districts as set forth in **Standing Rule No. 29**, (conference) and shall serve for two years. When vacancies occur among the district members of the committee, the successor in office shall fill the unexpired term.

2. Amend SECTION 8, page 105, by deletion.

3. Amend SECTION 9, page 105, by renumbering to **Section 8.**

4. Amend SECTION 10, page 105, by renumbering to **Section 9.**

5. Amend SECTION 11, page 105 and 106 by renumbering to **Section 10**, and to read:

There shall be a COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL REPORT composed of the recording secretary, who shall be chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. **The Committee may co-opt one additional person.** It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conferenee Society.

6. Amend SECTION 12, page 106, **Twenty-Fourth Annual Report**, by renumbering to **Section 11**, and to read:

There shall be a COMMITTEE ON PLACE OF MEETING composed of three members, the chairman of which shall be a conference offieer or seeretary. **These members shall be appointed bi-ennially by the president, who shall designate the chairman.** It shall be the duty of the committee to select suitable meeting places for the Mid-year and Annual Meetings of the society and report to the Executive Committee one year in advance of the meeting. Whenever possible the committee shall alternate the meetings between northern and southern parts of the state.

7. Amend SECTION 13, page 106, by deletion.

ARTICLE IV — Elections

1. Amend SECTION 1, page 106, Twenty-Fourth Annual Report, PARAGRAPHS THREE AND FOUR, to read

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a secretary for campus ministry, a secretary of Christian social relations, a secretary of program materials, a secretary of spiritual life cultivation, a secretary of supply work.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a secretary of membership cultivation, a secretary of missionary education and service, a secretary of missionary personnel.

Amend SECTION 2, page 106, to read:

Officers, secretaries, and chairmen of committees shall take office June 1st after their election or appointment, with the exception of the chairman of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program, who shall take office immediately after her election. The outgoing officers shall make the annual report.

Amend SECTION 4, PARAGRAPH ONE, page 106, to read:

At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the society shall elect six conference officers and secretaries for membership in the jurisdiction society, all of whom shall serve for four years.

(a) Amend to read:

Three of these officers or secretaries shall be the president, the treasurer and the secretary of membership cultivation. The other three shall be elected by name.

ARTICLE V — Funds

Amend SECTION 3, page 107, Twenty-Fourth Annual Report, to read:

Gifts for missionary projects, clearly specified, shall be sent to the treasurer of the Division through the regular channels.

Amend SECTION 7, page 107, to read:

The offering received from the observance of a Call to Prayer and Self Denial shall be sent to the treasurer of the Division through the regular channels, to be applied to the objects designated each year by the Division.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

Amend RULE 8, page 113, TWENTY FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT, to read:

THE COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM shall meet during or immediately following the Annual Meeting to consider plans for the next Annual Meeting. Whenever possible, speakers who come from a distance shall be secured to address both the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Amend RULE 9, page 113, to read:

The president may attend an annual meeting of the Woman's Division **one time during her term of office** at conference expense.

Amend RULE 10, page 113, to read:

Each officer or secretary shall **submit** to the treasurer itemized statements covering her expenses. These expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

Amend RULE 11, page 113, to read:

Officers and secretaries **shall** provide postage for all communications such as cireulars, letters, literature, etc., that are sent to corresponding district officers and secretaries for mailing to local societies.

Amend RULE 18, page 114, to read:

When death oecurs among members of the executive committee, **to members of their immediate families,** or to relatives living within their homes, an In-remembrance Gift of $5.00 may be sent as a memorial.

Amend RULE 20, page 114, by deletion.

Amend RULE 21, page 114, by renumbering to **Rule 20** (for details, see Standing Rule 14)

Amend RULE 22, page 114, by renumbering to **Rule 21.**

Amend RULE 23, page 114, by renumbering to **Rule 22,** to read:

A COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL shall be appointed to approve the minutes **of the Annual and Executive Committee Meetings.** All minutes shall be signed by the president and recording secretary.

Amend RULE 24 by renumbering to **Rule 23.**

Amend RULE 25 by renumbering to **Rule 24.**

Amend RULE 26 by renumbering to **Rule 25.**

Amend RULE 27 by renumbering to **Rule 26.**

Amend RULE 28, page 115, by renumbering to **Rule 27,** and to read:

THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS shall have the authority to incorporate in the conference and district bylaws any changes made by the Woman's Division, **and to make needed editorial changes.**

Amend RULE 29, page 115, by renumbering to **Rule 28.**

Amend RULE 30, page 115, by renumbering to **Rule 29.**

PROPOSED CHANGES IN BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Amend SECTION 2, page 111, **Twenty-Fourth Annual Report,** to read:

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall constitute from its members an ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE of seven officers and secretaries who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committe. **The committee shall be composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and two other members. The executive committee shall be advised immediately of business transacted by the administrative committee.**

ARTICLE IV — Elections

Amend SECTION 1, page 111, Twenty-Fourth Annual Report, PARAGRAPH 3, page 112, to read:

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one shall be composed of: a president, a secretary for campus ministry, a secretary of Christian Social Relations, a secretary of program materials, a secretary of spiritual life cultivation, a secretary of supply work. Group number two shall be composed of: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a secretary of membership cultivation, a secretary of missionary education and service, a secretary of missionary personnel.

Amend SECTION 2, page 112, to read:

Officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees shall take office June 1st. after their election or appointment. The outgoing officers shall make the annual report.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

Amend RULE 6, page 115 to read:

The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the district treasurer not later than July 15. The budget shall include an amount equal to fifteen cents (15¢) per member for district cultivation.

RULES OF ORDER

Amend RULES OF ORDER, page 112, by deletion.

Committee on Finance: Mrs. Spencer read the following additional recommendations from the Committee on Finance:

1. That up to $100 be allowed for expenses of having a new Primer mimeographed in time for the Officer Training, April 21, 1965;
2. That the Recording Secretary be made a member of the Conference and the District Committees on Finance;
3. That funds be made available for the Conference Executive Committee to have a self appraisal study as requested by the Division.

The recommendations were voted on separately. All carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, courtesy of the Shreveport District Executive Committee, at the home of the District Superintendent, the Reverend George Pearce and Mrs. Pearce, on Monrovia.

The meeting was resumed at 7:00 p.m. in the district parsonage.

Mrs. Gallaher stated the conference has insurance on the delegates and the Executive Committee. Broadmoor Methodist Church has liability insurance which will cover any accident taking place on the church property.

Mrs. Clayton reported on the plans for the district officer training to be held in Alexandria, April 21-22. She distributed sheets of instructions to those present and stated that a letter had been mailed to each district officer with the request that the letter be passed to her successor if she is not to remain in office.

Mrs. Thomas stated that she and Mrs. Howe have been requested to give as closing thoughts of the training period a portrait of a district officer and asked each member of the committee to send her interpretation of a district officer to either of the ones responsible for the presentation.

Mrs. James told of the plans for a School of Prayer to be held immediately after the district officer training. Mrs. Cecil Matthews, Jurisdiction Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation is asked to bring one other member of the District Executive Committee to stay with her. Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation of the Guild, plans to hold a similar school for the Wesleyan Service Guild over the weekend. The conference will pay the expenses of the district secretaries of spiritual life cultivation and one other member of the District Executive Committee. A limited number of other people will be allowed to come at their own expense. Mrs. Matthews will come to the conference at jurisdiction expense. Mrs. James asked that the names of the district officers who are to attend the school be sent to her as soon as possible.

Mrs. Gardner reported on the workshop on "Meeting Controversy and Conflict in Church and Community" which was held in Alexandria, February 3-5, 1965. She gave highlights of the program and told of some of the speakers present for the meeting. The topics used as the basis for discussion were the National Council of Churches and the United Nations. The reaction groups raised some challenging questions. During the Evaluation Period, the groups suggested actions as follows: start where we are, as individuals and as small groups, to put into practice the principles learned at the workshop; work actively to enrich the spiritual life of the church; set up district workshops on meeting controversy and conflict; have more meetings on all levels across jurisdictional lines. At the close of the workshop a committee was chosen to plan a follow-up to the workshop and to evaluate the effect the meeting may have on our conference.

Mrs. Mouton moved that the Louisiana Conference Executive Committee make plans to participate in a bi-racial Day Apart in cooperation with the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference of the Central Jurisdiction, provided plans can be worked out, with the retreat placed on a voluntary basis of participation.

Committee on School of Christian Mission: Mrs. Dean said the delegates' packets contain a flyer on the School of Christian Mission. This year the theme is **Mission: the Christian's Calling**, an innovation intended to emphasize the unity of the church's mission. She gave a brief explanation of a new feature of the school this year — the coordinated platform hour. There will be coaching sessions to help those who plan to teach in the local church. There will also be these interest groups: "The Use of Program Resources"; "Membership Cultivation"; and "The University World".

District Advisory Committee on Town and Country Work: Mrs. McSween reported that at the last meeting of the committee, held on March 4, 1965, Mrs. Martha Overbey said she felt she had accomplished all she could in this area. After much discussion the Reverend Fred Flurry recommended that the work in the Urania area be terminated as of August 31, 1965. Motion carried. It was also felt that if Mrs. Overbey wishes to leave at an earlier date that she be allowed to do so and that the chairman of the committee be advised. Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Overbey for the excellent work she has done in both the Simmesport and the Urania areas. Mrs. McSween moved that the recommendation of the District Advisory Committee to discontinue the work in the Urania area as of August 31, 1965, be accepted. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Nordyke moved that we request the staff at Dulac be retained. **Motion carried.**

Of the three dates presented for the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, the dates of October 12-14, 1965, were chosen for the meeting to be held at Henning Memorial Church, Sulphur.

Mrs. Laskey announced the entire month of October is to be the designated time for the Call to Prayer and Self Denial. Three fourths of the offering this year will go to the library at Scarritt College. It is hoped that as much as $550,000 will be raised. 1967 is the 75th Anniversary of Scarritt College and it is hoped the library will be completed by that date.

The self appraisal study will be held in Alexandria on Wednesday, June 23, the meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The new Guides for the study should be ready by then. Mrs. Dameron will complete arrangements in Alexandria.

Mrs. Reich disclosed tentative plans for a coffee or tea to be held in the governor's mansion during the Annual Meeting of 1966. Several suggestions regarding these plans were given to the Committee on Annual Meeting Program to be taken into consideration when planning the program.

Mrs. Compton was elected delegate to the state meeting of the United Church Women to be held in Lake Charles-Sulphur, April 1, 2. Mrs. Gardner, as Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations, will also attend the meeting.

Mrs. Thomas presented some recommendations from the Lafayette District Executive Committee regarding the Evaluation Reports. She stated that, although the district president is responsible for promoting all lines of work, she receives no report from any officer. Mrs. Laskey suggested that a letter requesting changes in reporting be sent to the President of the Division with a copy to Mrs. J. R. Henderson, Chairman of the Section, to be channeled to the proper persons. Mrs. Thomas then made the following recommendations concerning the Evaluation Reports: (1) that sufficient Evaluation Report Forms be provided so that duplicate copies of reports may be sent to district and conference presidents and Guild secretaries; and (2) that forms be furnished recording secretaries for reporting local officer lists following elections each year. **Motion carried.** Mrs. Clayton suggested promoting duplication of reports at the District Officer Training period.

Mrs. Dameron gave details of the Audio-Visual Seminar to be held at Mt. Sequoyah, July 12 - 23. Mrs. Watson was nominated to go as the representative from Louisiana.

The President announced that under the new structure the correct terminology to use in referring to home missions is "Projects Related to the National Division of the Board of Missions of The Methodist Church". All letters and brochures will carry these words.

Mrs. Laskey stated that 13 conferences have sent requests to change the term of office of the treasurer to 4 years, the same as the other officers and secretaries and asked for an expression of opinion from the group regarding the shorter term. The matter of the length of service is to be brought before the meeting of the Woman's Division.

Mrs. Dameron said Mrs. Sidney Fairchild, who has so faithfully kept the record of all Special Memberships given in the conference, has asked to be relieved of the job. Mrs. McSween requested that a letter be sent to Mrs. Fairchild, expressing appreciation for the work she has done.

Mrs. Dameron stated that at the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting the committee will have to elect a delegate to the Assembly which meets in Portland, Oregon, May 12-15, 1966. The president and one other conference officer or secretary will go as conference delegates.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Giessen.

Approved: Committee on Journal
Mrs. T. M. Ellis
Mrs. S. B. Dampier

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.
Recording Secretary
Mrs. G. W. Dameron
President

WEDNESDAY MORNING

A Quiet Time for the Executive Committee was held in the Prayer Room, preceding lunch, under the direction of Mrs. T. Luster James, with Mrs. C. R. McCammon sharing in the leadership.

Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting

PROGRAM

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

THEME: "Go Ye, Therefore. . ."

Wednesday, March 10, 1965

AFTERNOON SESSION

". . . to grow in understanding and spiritual power . . ."

1:45 Organ Prelude—"Christians Awake, A Voice is Calling" .. Philipp Nicolai
Theme Hymn — "Lead On, O King Eternal" ..... No. 278

2:00 Convening of the Twenty-Fifth Annual Meeting—Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Holy Communion ..... The Reverend Robert B. Criehlow
Welcome ..... Mrs. J. E. Carlisle, President
Woman's Society, Broadmoor Methodist Church
Introduction of Committee Chairman ..... Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.

2:45 Order of Business:
Presentation of the Program ..... Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.
Report of the Recording Secretary ..... Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.
Recommendations from the Executive Committee
Appointment of Committees
Announcements
Hymn — "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" ..... No. 162

3:15 Missionary Message — "We Witness Together" ..... Mrs. Orpha King
Closing Prayer ..... Mrs. John B. Pollard

5:45 Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Dinner ..... Crystal Ballroom
Washington-Youree Hotel
Honoring: Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, President, Woman's Division,
Past Presidents of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society
Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

Municipal Auditorium

7:30 Address ..... Bishop Gerald Kennedy

Thursday, March 11

7:30 Coffee Corner, Courtesy of the Woman's Society of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Shreveport

MORNING SESSION

". . . to increase your knowledge of needs in the world . . ."

8:45 Organ Prelude — "The Shepherd Flute" ..... F. Melius Christiansen
Theme Hymn — "Lead On, O King Eternal" ..... No. 278
Scripture and Prayer ..... Mrs. W. D. Snelling
Treasurer's Report ..... Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher
Panel ..... "Christian Women in Mission"
Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., Moderator
Panelists: Mrs. Lamar Clark, Mrs. Orpha King,
Mrs. Carl Williams

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws—Mrs. J. H. McSween
Offering — "He Shall Feed His Flock" ..... G. Handel
President's Message — "Go, Ye, Therefore. . ." ..... Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Closing Prayer ..... Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

12:45 Luncheon ..... "So We Are Ambassadors for Christ"
Noel Memorial Church
Disrict Reports ..... Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr., Presiding

AFTERNOON SESSION

". . . to share in the witness, service, and outreach of the church"

2:00 Organ Prelude ..... "As the Dew From Heaven Distilling"
Daynes-Schreiner
Hymn — "God of Grace and God of Glory" ..... No. 279
Prayer ..... Mrs. Charles Cadwallader
Address — "Tomorrow Unlimited" ..... Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
"We Witness in Louisiana" — Slides of our Mission Projects in Louisiana Conference, Coordinated and Presented by the Reverend Jerry Moon, Dulac Community Center
Pledge Service — "Into All the World" ..... Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher
and the District Treasurers
Mrs. W. D. Fortner, Soloist

5:45 Dinner ..... Crystal Ballroom
Honoring: Miss Fae Daves, Miss Wilhelmina Hooper, Retiring, Mr. and Mrs. H. Carl Brunson, Missionary Candidates, and the Misses Carole Cotton and Carol Wood, Candidates for Short-Term Mission Service. Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke, Sr., Presiding.

5:45 Youth Dinner ..... First Methodist Church
Mrs. Charles Giessen, Presiding
"The Christian Faith in A Changing World" ..... Dr. Jack S. Wilkes

EVENING SESSION

First Methodist Church

7:30 Prelude
The Processional Hymn ..... No. 162, The Methodist Hymnal
(The Congregation Standing)
Scripture and Prayer ..... The Reverend Henry Blount
Offering
Anthem — "Springs In The Desert" ..... Jennings
The Chancel Choir, First Methodist Church
Mr. Harold Booth, Director
Mrs. Harold Booth, Organist
The Message ..... Bishop Gerald Kennedy
The Presentation of the Missionary Candidates .. Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
The Commissioning
The Hymn of Dedication ..... No. 458, The Methodist Hymnal
Closing Prayer and Benediction ..... Bishop Gerald Kennedy

Friday, March 12

7:30 Coffee Corner, Courtesy of the Woman's Society, Morningside Methodist Church, Shreveport

MORNING SESSION

". . . to fulfill your responsibility in the mission of the church at home and overseas . . ."

8:45 Organ Prelude ..... "From Heaven On High the Angels Came"
Martin Luther
Hymn — "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ..... No. 67

Scripture and Prayer ..... Miss Fae Daves
". . . To Grow in Knowledge . . ." ..... Conference Officers
Order of Business:
Recommendations
Report of Committees
Report of Registration
Place of Meeting -- 1966
Resolutions
Guild Hymn
Report from Wesleyan Service Guild ..... Miss Arline Tyler
Panel -- "Christian Youth in Mission" ..... Tour Group
Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Presiding
Recognition of Retiring Conference Officers ..... Mrs. T. Luster James
Solo -- "How Beautiful Are The Feet of Them" ..... G. Handel
Mrs. R. N. Thompson
Meditation -- "Fulfillment" ..... Mrs. George Sexton
Buffet Luncheon, Courtesy of the Woman's Societies of Noel Methodist Church and Mangum Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport

JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Louisiana Conference

Shreveport, Louisiana -- March 10, 11, 12, 1965

The twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 2:00 p.m., March 10, 1965, in the sanctuary of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, with the President, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, presiding.

Following an organ prelude, "Christians Awake, A Voice Is Calling", by the organist, Mrs. A. R. Duncan, the meeting began with the singing of the theme hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal".

The President formally convened the meeting, after which she presented the Reverend Robert B. Crichlow, pastor of Broadmoor Methodist Church, who conducted the service of Holy Communion. He was assisted in the service by the Reverend George Pearce, Shreveport District Superintendent, and the Reverend Brady Forman, associate pastor of Broadmoor. Quiet organ music was heard throughout the service.

Mrs. J. E. Carlisle, President of the Woman's Society of Broadmoor Methodist Church, extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the women of Broadmoor Church, saying that it was especially significant to the host church to be entertaining the 25th Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society because Broadmoor Methodist Church just celebrated its own 25th Anniversary.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., General Chairman for the meeting, added words of welcome and introduced the chairman of each committee. Mrs. Dameron expressed appreciation of the entire body for the work of these chairmen and the women who worked with them.

Mrs. John Howe, Program Chairman, presented the program, stating that each phrase used for the different sessions had been lifted from the purpose of the Woman's Division. She told of the special displays in the Literature Room: a book listing the names of all in the conference who have received Special Memberships, a bound volume of the Charters of all societies which sent delegates to the organizational meeting in Alexandria in 1940, and bound journals of the 25 years of work of the Woman's Society in Louisiana. Mrs. Howe also told the location of the Prayer Room and asked that the women use it to be much in prayer for the meeting as it progresses.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., read the following actions of the Executive Committee: (1) approved attendance of the Con-

ference Secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Society and the Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the Guild at the National Convocation on Christian Social Concerns in Washington and the United Nations Seminar in New York; (2) approved obtaining insurance for the members of the Executive Committee for the mid-year meeting in Ruston; (3) approved the Conference President attending the Triennial Assembly of the United Church Women in Kansas City following the meeting of the Jurisdiction Executive Council; (4) approved sending an In Remembrance Gift in honor of Mr. J. T. Salter, father of Mrs. J. E. McCampbell, Alexandria District Treasurer; (5) approved purchase of a $1000 Sustaining Membership to be presented to Mrs. Glenn Laskey at the mid-year meeting in recognition of her election as President of the Woman's Division; (6) approved sending an In Remembrance Gift in honor of Mr. A. B. Lawrence, brother of Mrs. W. D. Snelling, Shreveport District President; (7) authorized the Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation to plan a school of prayer for the District Secretaries of Spiritual Life Cultivation and one other person on the District Executive Committee at such time as seems feasible; (8) recommended that the Conference Society at its Annual Meeting approve a merger of the **Louisiana Conference** News and **Guild** Times, to be financed by individual subscription, provided such a merger be approved also by the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. Patterson moved the acceptance of this report. **Motion carried.**

The secretary read the recommendations of the **Committee on Finance** on which the vote would be taken at the Thursday morning session.

Appointments were read by the Secretary as follows: **Committee on Journal,** Mrs. T. M. Ellis and Mrs. S. B. Dampier; **Committee on Courtesies,** Mrs. George H. Thomas, Mrs. J. B. Kelley, Mrs. T. Luster James, Mrs. W. D. Snelling; **Committee on Resolutions and Petitions,** Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Mrs. Cecil Read, and Mrs. J. B. Mouton.

Mrs. Dameron presented Mrs. Orpha King, missionary to Malaysia, who spoke on her work in the Far East, using the title "We Witness Together". Mrs. King told of the living conditions in the places where she serves — the different dialects which hinder communications, the poverty, and illiteracy. She gave ways in which the mission program is helping. Because of the shortage of schools most of the schools have one session of classes from 7:25 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with another group attending school from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. In the schools under the mission program we can educate the students to preach to their people. They are taught trades so they can earn a living. The Methodist Girl's School in Singapore, with an enrollment of 8,000, is only 25 percent Christian. The leading newspaper in Singapore said the Girl's School is a pioneer in education and is doing much to raise the standards of Asian girls. Mrs. King told of spending her vacation in Sarawak living in longhouses with the Iban. If the chief of Ibans becomes a Christian he takes his whole longhouse to be baptized with him. There are not enough people to teach the full meaning of baptism so many who are baptized slip back into their other religions. In her own home in Malaysia she serves American food to missionaries who pass through there but when she goes among the people she eats the food they eat — a way of witnessing.

Mrs. John B. Pollard, a former President of the Louisiana Conference, closed the meeting with prayer.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Anniversary Dinner was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington-Youree Hotel which was decorated in the Silver Anniversary theme with the focal point a three-tiered cake formed of flowers and topped with a silver "25" placed at the center of the head table. The invocation was given by the Reverend George Pearce, Shreveport District Superintendent.

Mrs. Dameron introduced those at the head table with her. They were the Reverend and Mrs. George Pearce; Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Taylor, the Reverend and Mrs. Robert B. Crichlow, Mr. Glenn Laskey, the Reverend G. W. Dameron; the Mesdames T. Haller Jackson, W. M. Ledbetter, E. E. Stewart,

Orpha King, Carl Williams; and the former Presidents of the Louisiana Conference: Mrs. George Sexton, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick.

Mrs. Dameron called on each of the past presidents to speak on a phrase pertinent to her term of service.

Mrs. Sexton chose the phrase "In the Beginning". She said they planned wisely, cultivated carefully and trusted God for the increase.

Mrs. Pollard told of the problems of the war years: the conference showed no signs of growth and the missionary work was practically at a standstill. It was a most challenging time to put into action the formation of a new church and a new woman's organization.

Mrs. Laskey, the third President of the Conference, later made her address as President of the Woman's Division.

Mrs. Charles Cadwallader, the fourth President, was not able to attend because of the illness of her husband, but she sent a message which was read by Mrs. Dameron. During her term of office she was privileged to visit nearly all of the mission stations under the Woman's Division and shared these trips with the women of the conference as she spoke at the Annual Meetings and told of the dedication of the missionaries.

Mrs. Kilpatrick chose for her topic "First the Blade" as she compared the work done for youth during her term of office to the nurturing of the blade of grain to bring it to full growth: a "Tour Guide" published for the conference; sponsored youth tours outside Louisiana to let young people realize the outreach of the church; instituted youth dinners as part of the Annual Meeting; sent young people to the Jurisdiction Vocations Weekend at National College; and began having a youth section at the Conference School of Missions.

Mrs. Dameron spoke of the changes now taking place during her term of office as she presented Mrs. Laskey, the President of the Woman's Division. Mrs. Laskey was given a standing ovation.

Mrs. Laskey spoke of the changes in the world and asked if the church is to stay the same or if it will change to meet the needs of this age. She said although the new structure of the Board of Missions went into effect only in September there are already changes that need to be made. There will be a depth study of membership in the Woman's Society to see what it really means to be a member. She quoted from Dr. Edward Carothers, General Secretary of the National Division, "The great tragedy of the church is its reluctance to ask great things of its members. We have played church long enough. The people now want to be the church — the moral equivalent of war — and know the role is one in which they can be actors and not just cash contributors". We can rise to new heights with new roles to play if we believe the future belongs to Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Dameron dismissed the meeting with prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

For the evening program the delegates and visitors to the Annual Meeting were privileged to join the concluding session of the Mission of Love at the Municipal Auditorium to hear Bishop Gerald Kennedy speak. Bishop Kennedy said we are becoming more and more one world — a world with the same ideas, the same styles, all with a western or American flavor. Every decision America makes goes around the world in its economic implications. He said at present we have one world in one mess but in the midst of this we have one faith to witness to the world. We need to form new relationships of oneness without relinquishing our convictions. We must learn to love one another as told in the Epistle of John for love is the answer to our problems and will break down our prejudices and hates. God has revealed Christ to us through our church and through Him can save our world.

Dr. B. C. Taylor, vice-president of Centenary College, dismissed the meeting with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING

On Thursday morning after the singing of the theme hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal", Mrs. W. D. Snelling read the scripture Mark 6: 7-13 and led in prayer.

Mrs. T. M. Ellis, reporting for the Committee on Journal, stated the minutes had been examined and found in order.

Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, gave a financial report for the first three quarters of 1964-65, stating there is a $4000 increase in giving over the same period of 1962-63 on which the 25 percent increase in pledge giving was based. She lifted up the Mission Boxes as a means by which we can help meet the increased asking and urged societies to empty their boxes at the April meetings to let the funds be counted on this year's report. She presented the Recommendations from the Committee on Finance and gave particular emphasis to Number 15 by citing specific examples of work done in the Woman's Division Projects in Louisiana. On motion of Mrs. J. H. McSween, the Recommendations of the Committee on Finance were accepted as follows:

1. That the 1965-1966 Pledge to Missions be $156,096.00
   That the 1965-1966 Conference Budget be 13,020.00
   $169,116.00

   That the Districts Pledges to Conference be as follows:

Alexandria	14,307.00
Baton Rouge	26,272.00
Lafayette	13,554.00
Lake Charles	20,094.00
Monroe	19,943.00
New Orleans	21,862.00
Ruston	17,335.00
Shreveport	35,749.00
	$169,116.00

2. That the Conference Budget for 1965-1966 be as follows:

Officers Expense	1,400.00
Annual Meeting	1,500.00
Annual Report	1,400.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Annual Meeting	750.00
Conference School of Christian Mission	1,300.00
Regional School of Christian Mission	650.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Christian Vocations	200.00
Conference Youth Director	600.00
Cooperative Meetings	450.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	850.00
Division Cultivation	80.00
Miscellaneous	565.00
Conference News	625.00
Tour	300.00
Wesleyan Service Guild	1,800.00
	$13,020.00

3. That the Committee on History be authorized to have 500 copies of the Louisiana Conference History printed. The number of copies may be increased if the demand warrants. (Referred to a special committee. For report of the committee see page 33).

4. That insurance coverage be provided for the Annual Meeting — details to be worked out by the Conference Treasurer, President, and Local General Chairman of the Annual Meeting.

5. That in case we have workers invited to the Annual Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, two-thirds of their expense will be provided by this Conference Society.

6. That the Louisiana Conference "Burn the Candle" for five minutes at the Annual Meeting of the Jurisdiction Society in Houston to honor Mrs. Lee Tidwell, who is retiring.

7. That we follow Standing Rule #19 (p. 114, 24th Annual Report) honoring new workers and we strive to present an Honorary Membership to each of the retiring workers — Miss Wilhemina Hooper and Miss Fae L. Daves.

8. That the expenses of two cars from each district to the Conference School of Christian Mission be paid by the conference for the year 1965-66. Each car is expected to accommodate 4 district officers or to be filled according to Standing Rule #14, (p. 113, 24th Annual Report).

9. That District Officer Training be held in Alexandria, April 21-22, 1965.

10. That the Conference Treasurer be allowed to have additional expense account blanks printed when the present supply is exhausted.

11. That the Conference Society grant permission to have bound the two final volumes of the Louisiana Conference **Annual Reports** covering the first and second and the fifth and sixth quadrennia, the cost to be slightly more than previous bindings.

12. That $400.00 from the Recruitment Fund be used to help finance the 1965 tour.

13. That every treasurer take advantage of all training opportunities such as clinics, Officer training days, Schools of Christian Mission, District and Conference Annual Meetings.

14. That every treasurer assume the responsibility of promoting all giving, particularly Special Memberships, Lenten Offerings, Thank Offerings, Christmas Offerings, In Remembrance Gifts and In Honor Gifts.

15. That every treasurer help to make "Pledge" come alive to every member of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild by lifting up the projects of the Woman's Division and the unmet needs.

16. That each District strive for a 25% increase to pledge giving by 1966, the increase to be based on the amount paid on pledge in 1962-63.

17. That up to $100 be allowed for expenses of having a new Primer mimeographed in time for the Officer Training on April 21, 1965.

18. That the Recording Secretary be made a member of the Conference and District Committees on Finance.

19. That funds be made available for the Conference Executive Committee to have a self appraisal study as requested by the Division.

Mrs. J. B. Mouton introduced members of a panel who spoke on "Christian Women in Mission". They were Mrs. Lamar Clark, a member of the Board of Missions; Mrs. Carl Williams, Jr., missionary to Bolivia; and Mrs. Orpha King, missionary to Malaysia.

Mrs. Clark spoke on the Christian woman as a lay woman in a new and changing world. She told of the need for the laymen to take the church into

the world. Suburbanites are alienated from the church as they move out of the city; those in high rise apartments are alienated because the doors are locked against the clergy; youth are alienated because they do not find what they want in church and do not return. The Christian women need to respond to the problems and opportunities of the world as lay people and not as women, and as Christian lay people living in the world and not as Christian women living apart.

Using two kinds of shoes, Mrs. Williams gave a graphic illustration of the contrasts of the standards of living of the women of Bolivia. Both the women who wear the smart tailored shoe and represent the small privileged minority, and those who wear the shoe made from an old inner tube and who represent the large majority and live in abject poverty, have spiritual needs and educational needs which the church is striving to meet through its ministries.

Mrs. King spoke of the changes the church is bringing to women in East Asia: the women are learning to go to women doctors; more educational opportunities are being opened to women; a few women lawyers are there to protect the property rights of women. More women are learning skills; such as secretaries, clerks, and dental technicians. They are living Christian lives and witnessing daily. Schools in Malaysia have mandatory promotion according to age but private schools supported by the church can take over age pupils and teach them. The schools are the most important witness for Christ in East Asia.

Mrs. Mouton said we had heard the voice of "woman in commotion." We do not all stand in the same place but we are all on the same road with the same problems and the same goals: freedom, equality and service. What is our mission as Christian women?

Mrs. Dameron expressed appreciation to the ministers for their presence. She introduced the past conference officers who were present. After asking the wives of ministers to stand, Mrs. Dameron said she is the first minister's wife to serve as President of the Louisiana Conference and that she truly appreciates the undergirding of her "sisters in the parsonages".

At the request of the President, the Recording Secretary read the standing rule on voting membership.

Mrs. J. H. McSween, chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, read the proposed amendments to the bylaws and standing rules which had been approved by the Executive Committee (see page 38). On motion of Mrs. McSween the proposed amendments were adopted.

Mrs. Wideman Watson, chairman of the Committee on Nominations, asked the women to send her names of women qualified to hold conference offices because next year is an election year. Those to be elected in 1966 are president, and secretaries of campus ministry, Christian Social relations, program materials, spiritual life cultivation, and supply work.

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Vice-President, formally presented Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President of the Louisiana Conference, who delivered the President's Message. (see page 59).

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick.

LUNCHEON

Mrs. Garland Dean, Conference Secretary of Missionary Education, presided over the luncheon which was held in the banquet hall of Noel Memorial Methodist Church. Mrs. G. W. Dameron returned thanks. Mrs. Dean introduced those at the head table with her: Mesdames Dameron, Glenn Laskey, Max Clayton, Carl Gallaher, C. R. McCammon, and the eight district presidents: Mesdames A. R. Scheffer, Clifford Ratliff, George H. Thomas, Robert Compton, S. A. Seegers, R. R. Cahal, L. C. Aycock, W. D. Snelling.

Through a series of demonstrations, the eight district presidents, wearing white choir robes, constructed the emblem of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. A total of nine triangles were superimposed on the center of

the easel placed on the platform to hold the completed emblem. The triangles represented in turn the three uniting churches, the three woman's organizations in those churches, the three former departments of the Woman's Division, both the old and the new organization of the Board of Missions, the three goals of the 25th Anniversary observance and the three aims of the new purpose of the Woman's Society. The cross and the two hemispheres were then placed inside the triangles. When the gold wreath was placed around the triangles, the District Presidents completed the wreath by placing gold leaves in it as Mrs. Dameron and Mrs. Dean read the accomplishments of the districts: 5 districts showed a net increase in members from November, 1963; 2 showed an increase since May, 1964; 4 districts reported new societies; 3 districts reported new guild units; 7 sent youth delegates to the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah; 6 sent young people on the Conference Mission Tour; 7 districts reported young people who have made a definite commitment to church related vocations and all 8 districts accepted the askings for an increase in pledges. As the emblem was completed, Mrs. Fred Shirley, accompanied by Mrs. J. J. Caraway, sang "In The Cross of Christ I Glory". The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Laskey.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with the singing of the hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" and a prayer by Mrs George Sexton.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, using the theme "Tomorrow Unlimited", told some of the changes that are taking place in the work of the Board of Missions. Women are now members of the policy-making body of the church and are working together with the men. Nationals are now taking the lead and Americans are working "in partnership". Funds from the Woman's Societies will continue to be channeled in the same way to much of the work done by the Womans' Division through homes, schools, institutions and community centers. We still designate funds sent to other countries who want and need our money but want freedom to spend it as they see fit. In the United States there will be Regional Secretaries placed at strategic locations whose jobs will be to help the conferences promote the work of the Woman's Society and to help with membership. There will be Regional Schools of Christian Mission to help in leadership training. This is a new age of ecumenicity — not a designation of a super church but one of cooperation with other churches without losing our own individuality. We must not lose sight of the fact that much of the revolution in the world today is there because of the teaching of the church that every man is a child of God. God is trying to work out His plans for man to be greater than he is today. Do not be afraid of these changes because what we consider revolutionary today will be the pattern for tomorrow but be thrilled by the challenge of the day in which we live. We will have a great world in which we can serve our Lord and Christ.

Mrs. Dameron presented the Reverend Jerry Moon, director of Dulac Community Center, who showed slides of the various projects of the Woman's Division in Louisiana. Mrs. Dameron said the slides and script will be available later for use in the conference.

Mrs. Carl Gallaher, assisted by the eight District Treasurers, conducted the pledge service. She said that through scientific inventions and methods of communications it is now possible for the world to be on the go so the theme of the pledge service "Go Into All The World" is more vital and necessary today than when Jesus was on earth and the world was small. God means for us to take His message into all the world and has made it easier for us with modern transportation and communications. Each of the District Treasurers brought a symbol of a different mode of transportation which she placed on the table near the lighted globe as she made the pledge for her district. The last treasurer placed the open Bible on the table as a symbol of our personal witness around the world. Finally, a large cross was held behind the table to signify our gifts and our witness are undergirded by the living, risen Christ. Mrs. W. D. Fortner sang "He's Got The Whole World in His Hands" and as the benediction for the afternoon sang "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte.

DINNER

Mrs. Glen Nordyke presided over the dinner honoring our workers which was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington-Youree Hotel. The Reverend Robert B. Crichlow gave the invocation. Mrs. Nordyke presented the following who were seated at the head table with her: the Reverend and Mrs. Crichlow, Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Taylor, Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, the Reverend and Mrs. Jerry Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson, Mrs. Maxine Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Howe, and the Misses Carole Cotton, Carol Wood, Fae Daves, Rosie Ann Cobb, and Wilhemina Hooper. Mrs. Nordyke then introduced special guests at a reserved table. These included workers from our institutions, the mother and the sister of Carl Brunson, and some of the women from Dulac who had come to honor Miss Hooper on her retirement and to see the Brunsons commissioned.

After giving a short history of Dulac Community Center, Mrs. Nordyke paid a tribute to Miss Hooper for the work she has done there and on behalf of the Louisiana Conference presented Miss Hooper with an Honorary Membership.

Mrs. Nordyke gave a short history of St. Mark's Community Center and told of the work which Miss Daves has done there. Through the leadership of Miss Daves three young men from St. Mark's have gone into the ministry and three girls into full time Christian Service. Mrs. Nordyke presented Miss Daves with an Honorary Membership.

Miss Daves spoke for the two retiring workers and expressed appreciation for the honors given them. She paid a tribute to the staff at St. Mark's and to the women of the conference who have supported them. She expressed thanks for the two young girls, Carole Cotton and Carol Wood, who have been accepted as short term workers.

Mrs. Nordyke presented Mr. and Mrs. Brunson who served at Dulac for 10 years as contract workers and who, tonight, after graduate study at Scarritt College, will be commissioned a home missionary couple.

Mr. Brunson said their commissioning is to be a clarification of their relationship to the church. They chose the field of social welfare because they both felt this to be the way to make Christianity personal. He expressed thanks for the honor of being commissioned at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society and of calling Louisiana their home conference because it was in Louisiana they found their path of service.

In honor of their commissioning Mrs. Nordyke presented them with Special Memberships from the Louisiana Conference.

Dr. B. C. Taylor, vice-president of Centenary College, gave the benediction.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

The singing of the hymn "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" opened the evening meeting which was held in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church. The Reverend Henry Blount read as the scripture the 10th chapter of John from the Phillips translation and led in prayer.

The anthem "Springs In The Desert" by Jennings was sung by the Chancel Choir of the First Methodist Church under the direction of Mr. Harold Booth with Mrs. Booth at the organ.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy read the 118th Psalm, saying this Psalm is one which speaks to all because any mood is reflected there. Life closes in on us — we begin by reading books and end with the comics; we begin with ideas and become afraid to have ideas; we begin with religion and become too meek to do anything. We have dreams but always settle for second best and let ourselves be fenced in. With God's help we can leap over the walls surrounding us — the walls of cynicism and prejudice. We need to learn to love each other even when we differ. When the time comes we can see what life is about. May God give us leave to live it.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Woman's Division, presented Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson as candidates to be commissioned a home missionary couple.

Bishop Kennedy conducted the Service of Commission. At the end of the commissioning service the congregation sang the hymn of dedication "We Thank Thee, Lord". Bishop Kennedy gave the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING

The final morning session began by singing the hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God". Miss Fae Daves read the 15th chapter of John and lead in prayer.

Mrs. Dameron asked the delegates to turn in the Evaluation Sheets before leaving the meeting.

With all of the conference officers and secretaries seated on the platform, Mrs. John Howe conducted a question and answer period, using questions which had been sent from local societies concerning the work of the Woman's Society.

Mrs. Dameron presented the Recommendations which had been mailed to each society for study before the Annual Meeting and called for questions from the floor regarding any of the Recommendations. On motion of Mrs. J. H. McSween, the Recommendations were **adopted.**

Mrs. Garland Dean gave a brief report on the School of Christian Mission to be held at Centenary College, August 9-13. She urged the delegates to read the leaflet about the school that was placed in their packets.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Chairman of the Committee on Tours, announced the fourth mission tour will be held July 5-15, 1965, and will go to mission stations along the route from Nashville to Washington, D.C., with Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham as directors. Delegates were urged to inform the young people in their churches of the tour because the tour is one of the best methods of acquainting the young people with the outreach of Methodism. For complete report see page 90.

Mrs. Dameron announced the critical illness of Mrs. D. W. Poole, a former conference officer. On motion of Mrs. George Thomas the Recording Secretary was asked to send a message of love to Mrs. Poole from the ones attending the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Sidney Young gave the report of registration as follows: delegates 198, visitors 175, workers 14, district officers 46, youth 438. — total registration 387 adults and 438 youth. Registration by districts was Alexandria 30; Baton Rouge 42; Lafayette 24; Lake Charles 22; Monroe 34; New Orleans 33; Ruston 50; Shreveport 120. There were 131 societies represented.

Mrs. John C. Harvey, president of the Woman's Society of University Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, brought an invitation for the 1966 Annual Meeting to be held at the University Methodist Church. The invitation was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions and Petitions, brought a resolution on the sale and distribution of obscene literature which was **adopted** as follows:

We, the members of the representative body of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church in session for the 25th Annual Meeting in Shreveport, March 12, 1965, view with alarm the increasing traffic in obscene, lewd, indecent, and immoral literature found on the news stands and in the drug and grocery stores in many of the towns and cities of Louisiana.

Whereas, it is estimated that the sale of this salacious material is a two billion dollar a year racket in the United States, with probably 75 to 90 percent of this material falling into the hands of young people;

And, whereas, F.B.I. Director, J. Edgar Hoover, has condemned these publications, saying, "I believe pornography is a major cause of sex violence. I am convinced that if we can eliminate the distribution of obscene material among impressionable school-age children, we can reduce the current sex crime rate."

And whereas, we believe that as Christians we have a responsibility to God and society to uphold that which is good and oppose that which is wrong;

Therefore we recommend that:

(1) We voice our protest to the circulation, sale and display of such immoral material devoted to the exploitation of sex, passion, depravity and immorality.

(2) We urgently appeal to our pastors, teachers, youth workers, and parents to use their respective offices to speak out against such and to join in an all out effort to make and keep our communities morally clean by urging our news stands, drug stores, grocery stores and wherever such materials are sold to remove all objectionable material from their shelves.

(3) A copy be sent to the Honorable John J. McKeithen, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

Mrs. George H. Thomas, reporting for the Committee on Courtesies, brought the following expressions of appreciation, which were adopted with a rising vote:

We, the delegates and members of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in the silver anniversary session in Shreveport, Louisiana, March 10-12, 1965, wish to express our gratitude for the inspiration received and for the many courtesies shown us during these days.

Especially do we thank our gracious hostess society and the Broadmoor Methodist Church, together with the other churches and societies in Shreveport who helped in entertaining us with such cordial hospitality. To the pastors, their wives, members of these churches, and to the district superintendent, we are grateful.

We deeply appreciate the courtesies extended to the executive committee during their meeting prior to the annual meeting. Particularly do we thank: the district executive committee, the Woman's Society of Broadmoor Church and those who were such gracious hostesses for the delightful luncheons and dinners; and all who opened their homes to house members during their entire stay.

Our special appreciation goes to the general chairman, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., the co-chairman, Mrs. Tom Harrell, and their co-workers who served so unselfishly in giving of their time and abilities to care for our every need.

To those who compiled and edited the historical record in celebration of our first twenty-five years, we offer our thanks.

For the inspiration afforded us through these days we are indebted to the Committee on Annual Meeting Program under the leadership of Mrs. John Howe; to those who lifted our hearts in worship through music; to those who arranged the worship settings and flowers; to our workers, deaconesses, and missionaries; to our special visitors, Mrs. Lamar Clark, Mrs. Orpha King, and Mrs. Carl Williams, whose messages were an inspiration; to Centenary College and First Methodist Church for the privilege of sharing in the "Mission of Love" under the leadership of Bishop Gerald Kennedy; to Carl and Mildred Brunson for the privilege of participating in their commissoning service as they were commissioned home missonaries; and to Bishop Kennedy who conducted the service.

It is with a deep sense of pride in our heritage of outstanding leaders through the first twenty-five years that we say "Thank you" to our five past presidents and to Mrs. G. W. Dameron for their inspirational leadership and their compelling messages. We are grateful for the presence and participation

of Mrs. Glenn Laskey, who now gives as president of the Woman's Division the same devoted leadership which she gave to the Louisiana Conference as its President for eight years.

We would, in truth, express our deepest appreciation to all those who have contributed in any way to making this twenty-fifth annual meeting a silver anniversary of inspiration, Christian fellowship, and challenge to "Go, therefore" with faith.

Committee on Courtesies
Mrs. George H. Thomas
Mrs. T. Luster James
Mrs. J. B. Kelley
Mrs. W. D. Snelling

Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, gave the report for the Guild as though she were turning the pages of a calendar and reminiscing over the highlights of each month — the full quota of delegates to the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, the Guild Weekend at Centenary College, the state and district coaching conferences, the itineration of Miss Maryruth Nickels, and many other activities of the Guild. She announced the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild would follow this meeting and invited all those present to attend the Guild meeting.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon introduced the following persons who went on the Mission Tour last summer: the Reverend and Mrs. Brady Forman, Mrs. John Oldham, Mrs. J. B. Kelley, Ray Gammill, Lois Horton, Jean Bailey, and Judy Butler. The young people discussed their experiences on the tour as they showed slides of the various places visited. Their eyes were opened to learn of the poverty and need in the United States and they began to realize their fortunate situation at home. They questioned having so much money spent on building beautiful churches when the money is needed so much more to feed and clothe the people. After much discussion they decided a church has to be of the type to reach the people to whom it ministers. Regardless of symbolism, God is not there unless you have the spirit, faith and belief.

A service of recogntion for retiring officers was conducted by Mrs. T. Luster James. With an expression of appreciation for their years of service as conference officers Special Memberships were presented to Mrs. S. B. Dampier, Mrs. C. H. Giessen, and Mrs. Glen Nordyke. It was announced that Mrs. Giessen is now the Jurisdiction Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

In preparation for the closing worship service, Mrs. R. N. Thompson sang "How Beautiful Are The Feet of Them" by Handel.

Mrs. George Sexton, the first President of the Louisiana Conference and the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Societies, brought the closing meditation on "Fulfillment". She said that for her the Woman's Society of Christian Service has been fulfillment. In Greek the cry of Christ from the cross is a cry of accomplishment, a victorious cry "It is finished", a fulfillment of His purpose. The word also means sacrifice. His whole life was a life of the cross — a cross completed life. What can we do or say in the face of such love as that? How can we go from here on such a high point and carry that love with us? We have tasks in this day of change to help in the realization of some of God's dreams: men shall love one another; greed and lust shall pass; men shall meet God face to face; love shall prevail. May God's purpose and dreams be ours. From the first 25 years of work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service she asked the young women to go forward to a task that challenges with a faith that is adequate, and a Christ that beckons. Go ye therefore and be fulfilled.

Mrs. R. N. Thompson sang "To Serve the Present Age" as the women came to the altar for rededication and commitment.

Mrs. Dameron declared the 25th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service adjourned.

Approved: Mrs. T. M. Ellis
Mrs. S. B. Dampier.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, president
Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., secretary

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Final Session — March 12, 1965

Immediately following adjournment of the 25th Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee met for lunch and a short business session in the church parlor.

Mrs. Dameron appointed Mrs. Ratliff and Mrs. Reich to the Committee on Annual Meeting Program.

Mrs. Dean, reporting for the Committee on School of Christian Mission, announced the following officers for the 1966 school: Dean, Mrs. Howe; Assistant Dean, Mrs. Dean; Registrar, Miss Tyler; and Chairman of Arrangements, Mrs. Gardner.

Mrs. Dameron said that next year is the 200th Anniversary of Methodism and that this anniversary may be a possible theme for the Annual Meeting program. Speakers suggested for this program were Dr. Edward Carothers, Dr. Tracey Jones, and Miss Dorothy McConnell. She said this may be the time to invite the district superintendents as special guests for one of the dinners to show a sense of unity of the Woman's Society and the church. She told of the possibility of the Annual Meeting of the Guild preceding the Woman's Society meeting next year and suggested exploring the idea of having the Executive Committee Meeting start on Monday with the Annual Meeting beginning on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Howe, reporting for the Committee on Annual Meeting Program, expressed appreciation for the cooperation she has received from the Executive Committee. She announced that Mrs. Mouton will serve as chairman of the committee for next year. She asked that a deadline for refunding money sent for meal tickets be included in the Call Letter.

Mrs. Howe moved that a youth banquet be held next year and that part of the program of the banquet be devoted to showing slides of the tour to the young people. Motion carried. Mrs. Giessen was asked to clear this through the Board of Education. Mrs. McCammon was asked to be in charge of the banquet. Mrs. James suggested First Methodist Church of Baton Rouge as the location of the banquet. The Reverend August Aamodt was suggested as the principal speaker.

Mrs. Dameron expressed appreciation to Mrs. Giessen for the work she has done as chairman of all the previous youth banquets. She also expressed thanks and appreciation to all who have worked so hard to make this meeting the wonderful one it was. Mrs. Dameron also asked Mrs. Dean to consider sending a copy of the program she used for District Reports to the Editorial Board of The Methodist Woman. She announced the play, "God's Work in Our Time", written by Mrs. Howe and used at our 24th Annual Meeting, has been published and is listed as reference material for the study on The Book of Acts. Mrs. Dameron then asked the district presidents to get someone other than themselves to substitute for absent treasurers in the pledge service next year to facilitate scheduling rehearsals.

Mrs. Dean expressed appreciation for the group to Mrs. Dameron for her gracious way of guiding the meeting through the week.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. James.

Approved: Committee on Journal
Mrs. T. M. Ellis
Mrs. S. B. Dampier

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.
Recording Secretary
Mrs. G. W. Dameron
President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Go Ye, Therefore . . . . ."

On the last Sunday of 1964, I had the privilege of attending the Pasadena Community Church, in St. Petersburg, Florida, where Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton is the pastor. That morning, the sermon topic was "You Can't Go Home Again" — a subject borrowed from the title of a book by Thomas Wolff.

It was really a sermon on homesickness — the nostalgia people feel to return to the scenes of their childhood; the desire to cling to the security of known ways and traditions of the past; the longing to return to so-called normal living, undisturbed by the winds of change which are blowing so furiously about us. Even in our appeals for revival and new spiritual life, we unconsciously call people "back to God" rather than "forward with God." Though we may sigh over the days of the past, we can never return to them. The childhood scenes are not the same; the old home stands smaller and more dilapidated than memory recalls; and the friendly past is now strange and cold. We are discovering that old ways and traditions do not bring the results they once did, and we are learning, in the words of James C. Moore, that "Normalcy can only mean change at an ever increasing pace."

"Memory", said Dr. G. Paul Musselman in the 1964 **Upper Room Disciplines**, "is a great word in the Christian tradition, but unless combined with inspired expectancy, a Christian's use of it may be no more than historical role-playing."

Lest we be guilty of "historical role-playing" in this twenty-fifth Anniversary Year, let us recall that those stalwart women of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who appealed to the General Conference of 1878, for the right to organize a Missionary Society, did so with "inspired expectancy." They said, "We want the authority to equip and send out women as missionaries to fields already occupied by our General Board; to open boarding and day schools, hospitals, and homes; to buy and build; to support missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible women; to give scholarships, and with mental reservations to do many unthought of things which will surely come to mind later." That phrase "unthought of things which will surely come to mind later" opened the door through which the Future might enter.

We are told that our most pressing problem today is not to be found in change itself, but in the accelerated pace of the changes taking place. Whether or not we realize it, a person who has reached his fiftieth year has seen more changes in his world than occurred in all previous recorded history. Even as I speak these words, the earth is spinning in its orbit at such a rate, that before the sentence is completed, you and I are in a different situation. It can be said of us as was said of Africa by one of that continent's national leaders: "The future came so quickly upon us, we are still in the past."

It is appropriate, then, that at a time like this and in a world like this, we who are gathered in this Church, representing the 318 Woman's Societies and 105 Guild units of this Conference, with their nearly 15,000 members, and bearing the name "Christian", and belonging to a fellowship of Christians which we call "the Church" should accept the challenge of the theme for this meeting: "Go Ye, Therefore . . . . ."

You recognize, of course, that these words are taken from the Great Commission given by Jesus to those disciples after the resurrection. But these words are not limited to the time nor the place of the early apostles. Ask not to whom they are spoken. They are spoken to US!

Go . . . . . Therefore . . . . .
and
Grow "in Understanding and Spiritual Power"

All of us "want to be more spiritual" — "to grow spiritually", but are we willing to pay the price of spiritual growth? Bishop Mangal Singh of India, speaking at the 1964 General Conference, said: ". . . . . One of the problems and weaknesses of our time and of Christians is that we are living on 'rationed spiritual life'. We take two minutes to read the daily lesson from **The Upper Room** but we omit reading the Scripture. We read the printed prayer, but do we pray?" We accept churchmanship-as-usual as the standard for our life in the church when we are called to discipleship-as-Unusual.

We recognize that the spiritual life is "in being", but do we also recognize that we must give expression to the spiritual in our day by day living — often in the routine activities in which we engage? When asked what one could do for the Kingdom of God, Phillip Brooks said, "You can furnish one genuinely Christian life". A "genuinely Christian life" is also an applied Christian life — one which brings the teachings of 2,000 years ago to bear on contemporary situations and issues. A "genuinely Christian life" is also one whose spiritual development is kept current. The late Dr. Roy L. Smith tells of arriving at Church one morning to be greeted by this question from the church custodian, "Is there any late news from God?" It is a startling question. What would you say if it had been asked of you? What would I say if it had been asked of me? One thing is certain — it cannot be answered if we have to go back to some distant date to recall a time when God spoke to us.

Sometimes persons engage in activities which are, in themselves good, but which they do not identify with the goodness of God nor give to them the spiritual connotation they should have. How many of us think of the services we give to the community as having a spiritual meaning? Sometimes we engage in activities in the name of the Church — as members of Sunday School classes and as members of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild — without realizing the relationship to God in doing these activities. It is part of the spiritual nature of the individual and of the Woman's Society to see that all good is recognized as from the heart of God — to help people make a conscious effort to achieve upward spiritual development in all they do.

If we would "grow in understanding and spiritual power", we must be willing to have an honest encounter with God. This is not easy, for it means exposing ourselves to the searching eye of God. It means making ourselves vulnerable to letting God act through us; it means becoming Christian by decision and conviction and not be doing what Christians have traditionally done; it means spiritual adventuring.

Rufus Jones, the Quaker mystic, tells the following story out of his youth of an "honest encounter" with God. Young Rufus was sent, one summer morning, to weed the turnip patch. He confessed later that, as he looked at the long rows of turnips, he began to understand the meaning of "from everlasting to everlasting". Before he started on his work, a young friend invited him to go fishing, promising to help weed the turnips when they returned. As often happens with fishermen, the boys lost all sense of time and did not return home until sundown. Young Rufus knew his mother would be waiting for him at the front gate, and he was not disappointed. She marched him to his room, but instead of applying her usual method of discipline, she sat her son in a chair, and kneeling down at his knees, she prayed, "O God, take this boy of mine and make him the boy and man he is divinely designed to be." Then she left the boy alone with God and his thoughts. In the quietness of that room, Rufus Jones must have had an honest encounter with God, for he later acknowledged that he never again consciously disobeyed his parents.

The Woman's Society, through its new purpose, and The Methodist Church, through its quadrennial program — One Witness In One World, are calling each of us to renewal. The church, as an institution, and we, as individuals, are challenged to a self-appraisal study, Biblically based in the Book of Ephesians, to discover whether our spiritual energies are at low tide or high; and to discover whether or not our "housekeeping chores" are obscuring our participation in God's mission for His church.

I would like to share another story told by the late Dr. Roy L. Smith.

He visited one day with a Chinese sage, who had a collection of astronomical instruments. The sage showed Dr. Smith a compass and explained that it was different from the one used in the west. "What is the difference?" asked Dr. Smith.

"You have four points — north, south, east and west. We have these four and one more."

"What is the extra point?" asked Dr. Smith.

"It is where you are", replied the Chinese sage.

"Where you are" — this is what renewal means: to discover where we are in our spiritual growth; where we are in relation to God; where we are in our relation and attitude toward those of other cultures, races, and opinions; where we are in relation to the movements of our time, in the church or larger community.

Only when we discover where we are can we chart the direction in which we must go. I challenge you to

"Go . . . . . Therefore . . . . ."
and
"Increase Your Knowledge of Needs In the World"

The story is told of a small boy, aged three, who had never spoken. His parents had taken him to many specialists, but to no avail. One morning, while he was eating his oatmeal, he said quite clearly and distinctly, "It has lumps!" Both parents were overjoyed, but astonished. They said to their son, "You can talk! Why haven't you been talking?"

"Up to now", said the boy, "everything has been all right".

Perhaps this is the way we feel about our world — up to now, it has been all right. But, today — well, this is something else. There is not a person present who cannot name, in rapid succession, problems which we face today. This is a world in revolution. It is a world of secularism and moral breakdown; it is a world with enough scientific "know-how" and technical skill to unite all its parts into a neighborhood, but the barriers of ideology, race, culture, and economics keep it from being neighborly. It is a world in which facilities for communication keep people and nations in constant contact with one another, but we have not learned how to "speak the truth in love" — often not between individuals and certainly not between nations. It has been said that "The world is now too dangerous for anything but truth, too small for anything but brotherhood" (A. Powell Davis, in Guideposts, June, 1964).

In a world like this we are challenged to know and understand the needs in the world. But, first, we must ask ourselves, "Where is my world?" and "Where am **I** in my world?" All of us would agree, I believe, that our world begins at our own front doors, in our own local churches, and in our own communities. Here is where we must make answer to the questions of human needs; it is here that we must be the reconcilers when controversy threatens the solidarity of home, church, or community; it is here that we must bear witness to our belief that God is Our Father — as Jesus taught us to pray in the Lord's Prayer — and, therefore, all men are His children and our brothers.

This is where our world begins, but this is not where it stops. As Christians, we must recognize that we are a part of the whole and that the values we hold and the attitudes we display affect all other parts of the world, even as we are affected by the words and deeds of other people and nations.

As Christians, we are called to understand the needs of our world in the light of our Christian heritage. We can take the attitude of the toy salesman demonstrating a toy to a mother and her small son, who said, "This is an educational toy. It is designed to prepare the child for the modern world. No matter how you put it together, it's wrong." Or we can express the faith that

God is in His world, working through the events of our time and calling His children to a new dimension of obedience to His will. The eye with which we see our world is as important as what we see. One thing is sure, it is in this world that we must serve and witness in the name of the Christ. I challenge you — as I challenge myself to

Go . . . . . Therefore . . . .

and

"Share in the Witness, Service, and Outreach of the Church"

I spoke earlier of the need for spiritual renewal in our personal lives and in the church. Renewal and Witness are two sides of the same coin. The leaflet **A Call to Renewal and Witness**, says, "Witnessing without renewal is shallow; renewal without witnessing is transitory. The next great movement of Methodism must be a witnessing movement."

In his book, **For Preachers and Other Sinners**, Bishop Gerald Kennedy relates the incident of the old Scotch lady who referred to a young man as obviously fitted for the ministry because he was "a right harmless laddie". In the minds of some people, a Chrstian is a "good" Christian, when he is a "right harmless laddie". But, we must remind ourselves that the early followers of Jesus were called "those who have turned the world upside down", and the Gospel of John records these words of Jesus to His followers: "They will put you out of the synagogues; indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God" (John 16:2). These quotations taken from the scripture do not sound like Christians are called to be "right harmless laddies". Colin W. Williams, in his book **What In the World** emphasizes the need for the transforming, rather than the conforming, witness of the Christian, when he writes: "The church is the community of those who have become aware of Christ's redeeming work, who confess his Lordship, and seek the way of direct obedience. They do have a separate life. But that is because the way of the world is normally one of disobedience to Christ's Lordship over his creation and to witness to Him, they find that they are in tension with the way of the world."

In every part of the world today, there are places and situations in which the word "witness" assumes its other meaning of martyr". Last summer at Mt. Sequoyah, Mr. George Pokail, a Crusade Scholar from India, a member of St. Thomas Church, and a missionary from that Church to Nepal, told that in Nepal, people who become Christian must spend a year in prison and lose all of their property. The minister who baptizes a person into the Christian faith, must spend six years in prison. Yet, he had received recent word that six Nepalese had become Christians. The same thing holds true in Pakistan, where to become a Christian means loss of family, property, disgrace, and sometimes loss of life. And, in Russia, where the Soviet Union spends one and one-half billion dollars annually attacking Christ and promoting atheism, the people still attend Christian services. Dr. Tracey Jones, speaking at the recent meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society, told of a friend's experience in attendng an Easter service in Moscow. The service was held from 5:30 to 7:00 o'clock in the morning and at least 2,000 persons jammed the sanctuary. When the priest was asked why he held the service so early, he said, "All these people must be in Red Square at 8 o'clock to demonstrate. They will have to go, but they will go with Jesus Christ!"

As we think of sharing in the witness, service, and outreach of the Church, there are several emphases that should be made:

1. As Christians, we are called to love — not as humans love, but as God loves. All other virtues spring from this one. It is truly the major "fruit of the spirit". The world should be able to say of us as it did of the early followers of Christ, "See how these Christians love one another!" It is this virtue, truly practiced, that will help us to break through the many barriers of our separateness — those as strong and deep-seated as racial differences, and those as local as how much to pay for the church carpet."

There is no segment of our society so endowed with compassion and the capacity to love as are women — especially Christian women. Are we willing to witness to the power of Christian love in our lives and in society?

2. The Ecumenical Movement should claim our interest and concern. The Vice-President of the women's organization of the Evangelical United Brethren, with whom The Methodist Church is in serious conversation regarding union, said, "We are not interested in creating a power structure, but we are interested in creating a structure through which the power of God can work more effectively." This statement, though perhaps over-simplified, sums up the real purpose of the ecumenical movement. Christians throughout the world are in a minority situation — about 30% of the total population. If the world's population continues to increase at its present rate, the percentage of Christians will steadily decrease. Surely there is need for a united Christian witness in a predominantly non-Christian world. Agreement and uniformity are not the purpose of Methodist involvement with other Christians, through the World Council and National Council of Churches, but understanding and unity in the Spirit are. A part of this ecumenical fellowship is the recognition that every nation, including our own, stands in a missionary situation. The phrases "home and foreign missions" and "sending and receiving" churches are now obsolete. Christian missionaries now go out from Japan, India, Korea, Latin America, the Philippines, to serve in other lands. The Methodist Church has recently commissioned two young men — one a Presbyterian and one a Congregationalist and a short term missionary under our board, an Episcopalian, spoke at the meeting of the Jurisdiction Society. One of the associate Secretaries of the Board of Missions is from India. There is a World Methodism and a Church Universal, and we are a part of both.

3. The third emphasis is on Stewardship. To many people, stewardship means money, and I do wish to speak briefly about our financial stewardship. However, I would like to stress the need for what Dr. Tracey Jones calls "the living Christian presence" and by which he means that "we must begin in a given village or street, with a congregation whose mission includes not only preaching but also social concern" ("Together," January, 1965). And may I add that the "living Christian presence" must be a part of every Woman's Society and Guild whose mission includes not only talks and circle meetings but depth study of our new purpose and real concern for the more than 50% of Methodist women who are not included in the membership of the Society and Guild.

And what shall we say of finances? I am grateful for the progress that this conference has made in its giving. You will recall Paul's second letter to the Corinthian Church in which he commended the liberality of the Macedonians in these words "For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means of their own free will — but first they gave themselves to the Lord . . . . ." (11 Cor., 8:3,5b). This is the secret of the practice of Christian Stewardship, in all of life, including finances — that, first, we give ourselves to the Lord.

The request to increase our giving on pledge by 25% in a two and one-half year period has been a real challenge to us. From the base year, 1962-63, through May, 1966, this will mean an increase of $31,220. This seems like a large sum of money — and it is, when we think of it in a lump sum, but it means only a $2.10 increase per capita. If our women have faithfully used the Special Mission Banks as requested, we will almost meet this increase this year.

Let me share some figures with you. I know it is said that figures are odious, but I suspect this is true because they often touch us in tender spots. (1) Last year, the average Methodist contributed only $3.42 for missions — or about 7¢ per week. (2) Some of you may have heard Dr. Jack Wilkes, President of Centenary College, state that there are 30,000,000 dogs in the United States and that an average of $36.00 a year is spent on each dog. In proportion to population and dog ownership there would be 1,600,000 dogs in Methodist homes. This would mean that, based on the average expenditure for dog care given above, Methodists spend $9,000 more a year on dogs than

on all causes related to missions and higher education. (3) Did you know that last year, 1963-64, the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild paid on **Pledge to Missions** only $625.81 more than was sent back, by the Woman's Division, for support of the missionary work in this conference? (4) The Methodist Church in Cuba has been cut off from support by the Church in this country. Realizing that they must absorb the support formerly received from us, the Cuban Methodists have increased their giving 400%! Can we do less than increase our giving by 25%. The words of Oliver Wendell Holmes are pertinent in this connection: "We must not measure life by our fears but by our faith."

In our consideration of the witness, service, and outreach of the Church we must always be aware that the need for missonaries — at home and overseas — is as great as ever. The missionaries of today are specialists, trained in the hundred different skills, but they no longer go out as pioneers, or leaders, or even counselors. The missionary role, as one missionary put it, is to go — to be obedient — and to have faith in what God is doing. The missionary image that is needed today is that of the humble servant, says Dr. Tracey Jones. When this is the image created, there is no way to measure the effectiveness of the missionary endeavor. Dr. Jones told a modern parable which symbolizes the power and influence of a single dedicated missionary. Many of you will remember when Mr. Murray Dickson, outstanding missionary to Latin America, was killed in an automobile accident. Mr. Dickson was a large man, and the small statured Indians who prepared his grave, dug it too small for the casket. Dr. Jones, who stood by the open grave said the thought ran through his mind that this is true of the life of a missionary, that there is no grave big enough to blot out its influence — no grave big enough to hold a missionary. So it is that I call you, as I call myself, to

Go . . . . . Therefore . . . . .
and
"Fulfill Your Responsibilities in the Mission of the Church"

Someone has said that the greatest deterrent to church renewal is the lack of involvement on the part of those who call themselves Christian. And it was Dr. Albert Einstein who said, "Discoveries are made by those who will take a fresh clean look at the old, old way of doing things when their friends, who may be more intelligent, are bound by old methods and ideas."

These two ideas of involvement and creative experimentation seem to me to interpret the role of the laity in the mission of the church today. As Christian women we are not only members of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild, though these may be the channels through which we may most readily express our responsibility for the mission of the church, we are also a part of that great body of the laity of the church, who are not ministers, but who have special ministries.

This statement from the Episcopal Address, given at the 1964 General Conference, interprets the historical role of the laity in Methodistm: "The Methodist Church from the beginning was a layman's movement. John Wesley's use of lay preachers was a scandal to the Established Church, but it brought the Gospel to forgotten and neglected people. Many a man found his first opportunity to be somebody in a Methodist society, and one of the greatest contributions of the Evangelical Revival was the transformation of by-standers into participants. The great religious movement does not wait for God to send it leaders, but grows by giving converted men their chance to lead."

It is our business, as lay women, to discover ways in which we can be partners in obedience to Christ — to be participants in the on-going life of the church and the Christian mission rather than by-standers. It is we — the laity — not the ordained clergymen — who must be the "church gathered" to worship and to receive power, and the "church scattered" to serve and be in mission. During the General Conference, the Smithfield Street Methodist Church carried this statement on the front of its bulletin: "A community of Christians will come together on the Lord's Day, and one of their number,

because he has been trained and set apart to interpret the Word of God, will brief his fellow-workers and help them to begin a new week in their ministry. They will share in the world's labor, sitting at desks, counting money, operating machines or disciplining little children, but always the real priority will be given to the fact that they are volunteers in the Christian army who have accepted the Lordship of Jesus Christ. They will say, as William Carey said, "I cobble shoes to earn my bread and butter, but my business is to serve God."

There is much that this emphasis on the laity can mean to us. Let me make just three suggestions:

1. We are interested in hearing about mission work from the missionary; we are interested in recruiting and sending our workers; we are even interested in giving financial support for the missionaries. But, are we interested in being a missionary? Somebody was a missionary when you were invited to become a member of the Society or Guild. Are you willing to be a missionary to some other woman and interpret to her the privileges of sharing in spiritual growth, the missionary concern, the Christian fellowship, and the opportunity for responsible Christian witness which have come to you through your membership in the Woman's Society?

2. One of the major problems which the Christian faces is the lack of communication. What do we have to say in the name of the Christ? In the name of the Church? Do we condemn the Church when we are with those who condemn — or praise it when we are with those who praise it? It is said that in order to keep the "hot line" open between the United States and Moscow, the following message is sent every few hours: "The quick brown fox jumped over the black bear". The line is open, but of what importance is the message? As responsible Christian lay women we must have something significant, something relevant to say to our day. We have the Word of life, but it will be understood best when it is translated into deeds through a "Living Word".

3. The next suggestion follows close upon the last. It is that we must have faith to believe that our small deeds, done in the name and spirit of Christ do make a difference and do help to fulfill our responsibility in the mission of the Church. History does not record all the small Christian acts of the early Christians, but it does record that the world was changed because of them.

Arnold Toynbee, the historian, has warned that every civilization has died either because of the draining off of leadership, or because the leadership was unwilling to keep abreast of the day and its challenge.

Mrs. Murdock McLeod, General Secretary of the United Church Women, tells the following story.: Two Alpine climbers made down for the night on a ledge of the mountain they were climbing, sure that they eould reach the summit in the morning. Early the next day, the younger and less experienced climber was awakened by a frightening noise. In fear, he aroused his companion. "The world is coming to an end!" he said. The older man rose from the ledge and seeng the rising sun in the East, he knew that the noises were the result of the ice cracking and breaking from the heat of the sun's rays. "Do not be alarmed" he said, "It is not the end of the world, it is only the dawn of a new day."

We too are in the dawn of a new day, and I challenge you to "Go . . . . . Therefore", with faith, into this new day.

"To be alive in such an age —
To live in it ,
To give in it! . . . . . .

Give thanks with all thy flaming heart —
Crave but to have in it a part.
Give thanks and clasp thy heritage —
To be alive in such an age!

Quoted from "Today" — by Angela Morgan

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.

The Office of Vice President on all levels has been a busy one the past year. With the responsibility always of total program planning for the Woman's Society, there was added the responsibiliy of planning and directing the Fall Workshops, formerly called Seminars. There were extra sessions at School of Christian Mission both at Mt. Sequoyah and Centenary College and District planning sessions with the Vice Presidents in charge. Approximately 32 workshops were held over the Conference with 2350 women attending and actively engaged and 476 visitors.

A large number of Committees on Program was organized in the local societies with greater involvement of the members of the committees.

Observance of all Special Days and promotion of World Federation of Methodist Women is part of the work of the local group.

The Vice President is one of the officers charged with the responsibility for the promotion of United Church Women, another new assignment. Your Conference Vice President serves as Area Vice President in this organization and is a member of the National Committee on "Interpretation and Public Relations." She attended a committee meeting in New York in January and also participated in a two week United Nations Workshop in New York offered by the National Division of United Church Women. A number of district and local Vice Presidents are serving as officers and chairman in the various units.

Serving as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation, the Board of Directors and Study Committee of MacDonell and Dulac has provided the opportunity to understand the greater needs of these institutions and to suggest ways of incorporating this information into the programs of the societies.

Being a member of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns and participating in the Workshop on **Meeting Conflict and Controversy in the Church** has given guidance and new approach to the problems related to these areas and will, it is hoped, give assistance to district and local committees in planning and promoting the work of the Woman's Society.

As Vice-Presidents assume the responsibilities of their office and the new duties and privileges involved, let each one determine to grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Christ Jesus and to help others respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world through careful, prayerful, dedicated planning of the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Methodist Church.

Recommendations

"To help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and to help challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world."

This is the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. To become involved in the achievement of this high purpose, each vice president must prepare herself in mind and heart to understand the responsibilities and opportunities of her office, learn procedures, promote the total program, and evaluate her progress.

It is my privilege to recommend that each vice president:

1. Gain a working knowledge of the total program of the Woman's Society through study of the **Handbook for the Woman's Society of Christian Service**, the **Handbook on Program** and the **Handbook on Finance.**

2. Take advantage of all training opportunities made available to her. Attendance at Officers Training Days and Conference School of Christian Mission can be a most enriching and rewarding experience.

3. Keep informed on all phases of the work, for there is always the possibility that the leadership will fall to her.

4. Become familiar with the responsibilities of other officers and secretaries, especially those who are members of the **Committee on Program.**

5. Guide the **Committee on Program** in the use of the program book, current mission studies, **The Methodist Woman, World Outlook** and **Annual Report** as the basis of the planning of programs in the society.

6. Share with other officers and secretaries of the Society the responsibilities for interpretation and promotion of World Federation of Methodist Women.

7. Share with the Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service and Christian Social Relations the responsibility of interpreting and promoting the cooperation of Methodist women in the program of United Church Women.

8. Know the church calendar of activities and understand the relationship and responsibility of the Society and Guild in these activities. Cultivate and know your membership in order to plan programs that are directed toward meeting the needs of your own particular group.

9. Lead the Committee on Program in setting goals of study and action.

10. Help the Committee plan for continuing evaluation of program effectiveness, needs, and resources, using pages 17, 18 and 19 of **Handbook on Program** as a guide.

11. Keep her own records of program activities so that she will have the information needed for the Evaluation Report, and report accurately, fully, and on time in accordance with the reporting pattern of the Woman's Division.

TREASURER

Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference

Financial Statement

May 20, 1964 thru May 20, 1965

Explanation	Details	Total	Amount
Cash Balance May 20, 1964:			
First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. Alexandria, La. Supply Account		3,586.22	
First Federal Savings & Loan Assn. Alexandria, La. Special Account		1,349.52	
Rapides Building and Loan Assn. — Alexandria, La.		3,000.00	
Whitney National Bank, New Orleans — Checking Account		8,521.31	16,457.05

Explanation		Details	Total	Amount
Receipts:				
Districts:	**Pledged**	**Paid**		
Alexandria	12,828.00	13,376.52		
Baton Rouge	23,555.00	21,321.82		
Lafayette	12,153.00	11,468.29		
Lake Charles	18,017.00	17,120.35		
Monroe	17,880.00	15,601.93		
New Orleans	19,601.00	19,611.33		
Ruston	15,543.00	15,618.00		
Shreveport	32,053.00	28,373.47		
Totals	151,630.00		142,491.71	
Conference — W.S.C.S.:				
Offering — School of Missions		180.50		
In Honor Gifts		55.06		
Special Gifts		12.50		
Special Membership (Mr. J. Moon)		25.00	273.06	
Conference — **Guild**				
Corsages For Missions		190.00		
Offering Guild Week End		120.00		
Offering Annual Meeting		152.00	462.00	
Permanent Fund Interest (Perpetual Membership Haynesville Methodist Church)		4.50		
			4.50	
Total Paid on Conference Pledges				143,231.27
Children's Fund			47.78	
Youth Fund (Sent direct to New York)			3,114.75	3,162.53
				162,850.85
Other				
Supply Work			21,220.10	
Call to Prayer			7,755.64	
Supplementary			145.00	29,120.74
				191,971.59
Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation			1,651.19	
Transient Funds			1,319.70	2,970.89
Totals Forward				194,942.48

Explanation	Details	Total	Amount
Brought Forward			194,942.48
Returns to Cultivation Fund:			
Christian Social Relation (Mrs. J. B. Mouton)	53.64		
Annual Reports Sold	21.50		
Orientation Meeting	1.25		
Conference School of Missions	344.54		
Christian Social Relations Seminar N.Y.	36.32		
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	25.00		
Conference News	6.70		
Conference Histories Sold	462.50		
Postage for Recommendations	3.82		
Conference Annual Meeting Offering WSCS	340.51		
Miss Louise Sharp, 1963 Tour	10.95		
Itineration, Miss Maryruth Nickels	261.96		
Executive Council Meeting	6.63		
Jurisdiction School of Missions	141.15		
Jurisdiction Annual Meeting	10.80		
Profit Literature Sold W.S.C.S.	102.87		
Profit Literature Sold Guild	45.98		
Registration Guild Week End	320.45		
Guild Mid-Year Executive Meeting	12.25		
Guild, Gift Miss Howard	3.59		
Guild Annual Meeting Registration	93.06		
District Officer Training	18.43		
Reports for District Officers, Lake Charles	1.55		
Dividends Rapides Bldg. & Loan Association	127.50		
Dividends First Federal Saving & Loan Assn.	129.69		
Bank Exchange Refund	16.34	2,598.98	
			2,598.98
Total to be Accounted For			197,541.46

Disbursements:		
Woman's Division		
Pledge	91,707.20	
Memberships	8,580.00	
In Remembrance Gifts	1,290.73	
My World Bank	2,918.43	
Special Mission Banks	2,218.89	
Result of Study	1,068.69	
Lenten Offering	34.01	
Thank Offering	70.73	
In Honor Gifts	106.00	
District Retiring Officers	15.00	
Conference Retiring Officers	1,682.09	109,691.77
Totals Forward		

Explanation	Details	Total	Amount
Brought Forward		109,691.77	
Conference:			
Offering, School of Missions	180.50		
In Honor Gifts	67.56		
Special Membership (Mr. J. Moon)	25.00		
Special Memberships (Carl and Mildred Brunson)	50.00		
Sustaining Membership (Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey)	1,000.00		
In Remembrance Gifts	10.00		
Burning Candle Jurisdiction Annual Meeting to Honor Mrs. Lee Tidwell	130.00	1,463.06	
		111,154.83	
Wesleyan Service Guild:			
Pledge	16,166.71		
Memberships	1,780.00		
In Remembrance Gifts	320.59		
My World Bank	407.90		
Special Missions Bank	759.32		
Result of Study	115.57		
Thank Offering	19.85		
Lela Norris	20.00		
In Honor Gifts	190.00	19,779.94	
Conference:			
Offering Annual Meeting	152.00		
Corsage for Missions	190.00		
In Remembrance Gifts	5.00		
Offering Guild Week End	120.00	467.00	
		131,401.77	
Permanent Fund Interest (Perpetual Membership Haynesville Methodist Church)		4.50	
Total Paid on Pledge to Missions			131,406.27
Children's Fund		47.78	
Youth Fund (Sent direct to New York)		3,114.75	3,162.53
Total Paid on Appropriations			134,568.80
Supply Work			
W.S.C.S.	18,461.25		
Guild	2,758.85	21,220.10	
Call to Prayer			
W.S.C.S.	6,252.04		
Guild	1,503.60	7,755.64	
Supplementary			
W.S.C.S. Crusade Scholarships	45.00		
Scholarship Scarritt College	100.00	145.00	
Three - Fourths Mrs. M. Overbey's Salary		2,025.00	
			31,145.74
Total Paid to Woman's Division			165,714.54
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation		1,651.19	
Transient Fund		1,319.70	2,970.89
Total			168,685.43
Totals Forward			

Explanation		Details	Total	Amount
Brought Forward				168,685.43
Conference Cultivation:	Budgeted	Disbursed		
Officers Expense	1,400.00	1,128.69		
Annual Meeting	1,500.00	1,896.20		
Annual Report	1,400.00	1,402.52		
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00	246.51		
Jurisdiction:				
Annual Meeting	750.00	454.78		
School of Missions	650.00	424.15		
Cultivation	850.00	781.92		
Conference:				
School of Missions	1,300.00	1,141.73		
Youth Director	600.00	600.00		
News	625.00	460.80		
Christian Social Relations	300.00	600.00		
Christian Vocations	200.00	120.00		
Cooperative Meetings	450.00	14.00		
Miscellaneous	565.00	81.13		
Tour	300.00	390.00		
Woman's Division Cultivation	80.00	64.82		
Wesleyan Service Guild	1,800.00	1,945.02		
Total	13,020.00		11,752.27	
Other				
National Convocation Methodist Youth		135.00		
Conference Orientation Meeting		112.70		
Church and Community Worker		1,020.00		
Jurisdiction Executive Council		111.00		
Itineration, Miss Maryruth Nickels		291.50		
Christian Social Relations Seminar New York		300.00		
Constitution and By-laws Meeting		29.76		
Regional Meeting Board of Mission		20.50		
District Advisory Committee Meeting		13.43		
Regional Stewardship Seminar		29.96		
MacDonell Board Meeting		49.75		
Sager Brown Board Meeting		22.10		
Regional School of Christian Mission		436.14		
Conference Histories		363.79		
District Officer Training		955.92		
Meeting of Committee on Nominations		41.00		
Conference Spiritual Life Training		120.66		
Mimeographing Primers		100.00		
Annual Meeting 1963-1964		111.56		
Tour		300.00		
Bank Exchange Charge		26.86	4,591.63	16,343.90
Total				185,029.33
Balance in Savings and Checking Account May 20, 1965				12,512.13
Total to be Accounted for				197,541.46

Distributed as Follows:

First Federal Savings and Loan Association Alexandria, Louisiana, Special Account	1,407.49
Rapides Building and Loan Association Alexandria, Louisiana	3,000.00
Checking Account Whitney National Bank New Orleans, Louisiana	8,104.64
Total	12,512.13

Accountant's Opinion

I have examined the Statement of Cash and Fund Balances and the summary of cash receipts and disbursements of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service for the period from May 20, 1964 through May 20, 1965. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the cash and fund balances as of May 20, 1965 and the cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended.

My examination also comprehended the supplemental schedules of receipts from districts, Conference Cultivation Fund and payments on Pledge to Woman's Division of Christian Service for the same period, and in my opinion, such supplemental schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements, present fairly in all material respects the information shown therein.

J. LOUIS FORD

Certified Public Accountant

June 4, 1965

Recommendations

The Committee on Finance makes the following recommendations:

1. That the 1965-1966 Pledge to Missions be $156,096.00
   That the 1965-1966 Conference Budget be 13,020.00
   169,116.00

   That the Districts Pledges to Conference be as follows

Alexandria	14,307.00
Baton Rouge	26,272.00
Lafayette	13,554.00
Lake Charles	20,094.00
Monroe	19,943.00
New Orleans	21,862.00
Ruston	17,335.00
Shreveport	35,749.00
	169,116.00

2. That the Conference Budget for 1965-1966 be as follows:

Officers Expense	1,400.00
Annual Meeting	1,500.00
Annual Report	1,400.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting	250.00
Jurisdiction Annual Meeting	750.00
Conference School of Christian Mission	1,300.00
Regional School of Christian Mission	650.00
Christian Social Relations	300.00
Christian Vocations	200.00
Conference Youth Director	600.00
Cooperative Meetings	450.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation	850.00
Division Cultivation	80.00
Miscellaneous	565.00
Conference News	625.00
Tour	300.00
Wesleyan Service Guild	1,800.00
	13,020.00

3. That the Committee on History be authorized to have 500 copies of the Louisiana Conference History printed. The number of copies printed may be increased if the demand warrants. (Referred to a Special Committee for study and clarification)

4. That insurance coverage be provided for the Annual Meeting — details to be worked out by the Conference Treasurer, President, and Local General Chairman of the Annual Meeting.

5. That in case we have workers invited to the Annual Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, two-thirds of their expense will be provided by this Conference Society.

6. That the Louisiana Conference "Burn the Candle" for five minutes at the Annual Meeting of the Jurisdiction Society in Houston to honor Mrs. Lee Tidwell, who is retiring.

7. That we follow Standing Rule #19 (p. 114, 24th Annual Report) honoring new workers and we strive to present an Honorary Membership to each of the retiring workers — Miss Wilhemina Hooper and Miss Fae L. Daves.

8. That the expenses of two cars from each district to the Conference School of Christian Mission be paid by the conference for the year 1965-66. Each car is expected to accommodate 4 district officers or to be filled according to Standing Rule #14, (p. 113, 24th Annual Report).

9. That District Officer Training be held in Alexandria, April 21-22, 1965.

10. That the Conference Treasurer be allowed to have additional expense account blanks printed when the present supply is exhausted.

11. That the Conference Society grant permission to have bound the two final volumes of the Louisiana Conference **Annual Reports** covering the first and second and the fifth and sixth quadrennia, the cost to be slightly more than previous bindings.

12. That $400.00 from the Recruitment Fund be used to help finance the 1965 tour.

13. That every treasurer take advantage of all training opportunities such as clinics, Officer training days, Schools of Christian Mission, District and Conference Annual Meetings.

14. That every treasurer will assume the responsibility of promoting all giving, particularly Special Memberships, Lenten Offerings, Thank Offerings, Christmas Offerings, In Remembrance Gifts and In Honor Gifts.

15. That every treasurer help to make "Pledge" come alive to every member of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild by lifting up the projects of the Woman's Division and the unmet needs.

16. That each District strive for a 25% increase to pledge giving by 1966, the increase to be based on the amount paid on pledge in 1962-63.

17. That up to $100 be allowed for expenses of having a new Primer mimeographed in time for the Officer Training April 21, 1965.

18. That the Recording Secretary be made a member of the Conference and District Committees on Finance.

19. That funds be made available for the Conference Executive Committee to have a self appraisal study as requested by the Division.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.

The **Twenty-Fourth Annual Report** was edited by the outgoing recording secretary, Mrs. George H. Thomas. Her report is as follows: "The Annual Report for 1963-64 was printed by the Savoy Printing Company of Lafayette. The cost of printing 850 copies of 148 pages each was $1305.29 and 750 clasp envelopes with return address was $17.66, for a total cost of $1322.95. 173 books were distributed at School of Missions; 563 were mailed at four cents each. Money returned to the treasurer for sale of books at seventy-five cents each was $21.50." In order that the vast amount of work and money involved in publishing the **Annual Report** may be justified we urge that each society, conference and district officer use it continually to know better the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Louisiana Conference.

The restructuring of the Woman's Division brought a new look to the office of Recording Secretary. In addition to her other duties the secretary is now responsible for channeling lists of officers to the proper persons and is also responsible for helping the president get the Evaluation Reports made and mailed on time.

It is with a feeling of deep regret that my first report to you as Recording Secretary must also be my last because I am leaving Louisiana after sixteen wonderful years here. My association with the Methodist women of the Louisiana Conference has been a great blessing to me. Because I have been allowed to edit only one **Annual Report** I feel especially privileged that it was this one in commemoration of the twenty-five years of progress of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Recommendations

It is recommended that each recording secretary:

1. Record accurately and concisely the minutes of all meetings of the Society and the Executive Committee, being prepared to present recommendations of the Executive Committee to the Society for its consideration. (If you are not familiar with this procedure, secure a GOOD book on Parliamentary Procedure and LEARN how.)
2. Sign all official papers of the society together with the president.
3. Keep all official papers and records placed in your care and pass them on to your successor or store them in a designated place for safe keeping.
4. Assist the president in collecting and sending the Evaluation Reports from the local officers to the district officers, making sure the blanks are properly and completely filled in and are sent on time. Be sure to keep a copy of all reports sent.
5. Send list of newly elected officers and secretaries to the district recording secretary immediately after the election. Keep the district officer informed of any change in officers or in addresses.
6. Assist the president in preparing the agenda for each meeting.
7. Study the constitution, bylaws, and standing rules of the society as found in **Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division** and in the **Twenty-Fifth Annual Report of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society.**
8. Take advantage of all training opportunities in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.
9. Perform such other duties as may be delegated to the recording secretary by the Society, such as publicity, etc.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Mrs. John L. Howe, Secretary

A new unit of the Methodist Student Movement was organized this year at Louisiana College in Pineville. Methodist students are now organized on every major college and university campus in Louisiana. Eight campuses have fully accredited Wesley Foundations; eight have active Methodist Student Movement groups.

Throughout the year Louisiana's Methodist students and campus ministers have participated with unusual competence in state, regional and national functions of the Methodist Student Movement. Large delegations took part in the Regional Study and Mission Conference in Oklahoma in August, 1964. Sixty students and most of the campus ministers took part in the Eighth Quadrennial Conference in Nebraska at Christmas time. The Annual Conference of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement was held this spring at the University of Southwestern Louisiana with one hundred twenty five students participating. Last summer two students participated in the "Students-in-Government" project in Washington, D.C. The Reverend Delton Pickering, State Director of the Methodist Student Movement, led a work-study project in Mexico. This summer two students will work in inner-city projects in Kansas City and in Milwaukee; one will participate in "Operation Crossroads" in Africa, and one will attend the National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement. Reverend Pickering is one of seven campus ministers from across the nation selected to attend this National Conference. It is the policy making body of the Methodist Student Movement.

Miss Carole Cotton and Miss Carol Wood, both seniors this year at Centenary, have been accepted for short term missionary serviee by the Methodist Board of Missions. Miss Wood will serve overseas for three years; Miss Cotton will serve two years in the United States.

There is another side to the coin of campus ministry—the part the local church is playing. Reports from secretaries for campus ministry show that (1) the number of churches using students in services on Student Recognition Day increased this year, (2) Monroe District had a "Day on Campus" training program for local secretaries for campus ministry, and (3) sixteen churches contributed some financial aid to students attending conferences. Only 50% of the woman's societies and, therefore, 43% of the local churches were represented in these reports. Financial support from the churches for campus ministry has been less than 60% of that requested and needed. Inadequate support means a curtailment of our ministry among the thousands of Methodist students on Louisiana campuses. Secretaries for campus ministry must try new ways to involve local church members in the ministry at our colleges and universities. Suggestions are given in a mimeographed handbook compiled this year for use here in Louisiana. Copies are available through your district or conference secretary for campus ministry. Plans are in the formative stage for a number of training sessions for local secretaries throughout the year. Societies will receive information about them. Every church should have a representative at one of these training sessions.

Recommendations

Since the office of Secretary for Campus Ministry is to undergird and interpret Methodism's total ministry in higher education, we recommend:

1. That each local secretary be fully informed about campus ministry—especially at the college nearest her.
2. That she participate in all possible training opportunities. This would include reading materials sent to her, studying the page devoted to the Campus Ministry in **The Methodist Woman** each month, attending district and conference meetings where there will be training for secretaries for Campus Ministry, participating in any "Day on Campus" opportunities extended by the college nearest her.
3. That she seek to create a favorable climate for higher education in the local church.

4. That she cooperate with the pastor in planning the observance of Methodist Student Day, Student Recognition Day and Universal Day of Prayer for Students.
5. That she assist the established campus ministry in making contact with students and inform students of the opportunities for continuing a maturing relationship with the church universal.
6. That she mail a student information card on every student from the local church to the campus by June 15 or as soon thereafter as possible. (Be sure to secure the new student information card. It is no longer blue!)
7. That she grow in knowledge and understanding of the ministry to international and United States students and to faculty.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Mrs. S. B. Dampier, Secretary

As we close the years of Secretary of Children's Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, I am thinking of the words that were on the Fall 'Children's Work Bulletin': "I saw tomorrow look at me through little children's eyes and thought how carefully we'd teach if we were wise". Even though the set-up for work with the mission studies for children is changing, I hope that each will realize that it should be in connection with the other phases of education in your church and will make every effort to see that the studies are carried on.

Throughout the year we Secretaries have worked with the Directors of Children's Work to make the change in Mission work for children. The reports show that there is an increase in mission studies and it is our hope that the entire church will see the importance of introducing our children to "Mission Work Around The World".

Beginning June 1, 1965, boys and girls of the Methodist Church can participate in a new type of sharing. They can contribute to a children's fund for Christian Missions. Gifts to this fund should be sent to the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee, 37202, plainly designated for the Children's fund for Christian Missions.

May God bless each as we plan to continue Christian Education of our Children.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. Wiley B. Gardner, Secretary

This year, my first as Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations, has been a most interesting one. I have had many pleasant experiences and it is some of these I wish to share with you.

I have enjoyed serving the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns as treasurer. I feel that in working with the members of this Board I have, indeed, been privileged. They have shown true dedication in planning and carrying out their work.

One of the highlights of the year was helping to plan and present the program of the pilot Workshop on "How To Meet Controversy and Conflict in Church and Community." This meeting, held at Trinity Methodist Church, Alexandria, proved to be an interesting and helpful meeting for those attending. It is my hope that a similiar type meeting will be held in each district.

The meeting I attended in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, gave me a better understanding of the work in Christian Social Concerns and Christian Social Relations, just as the United Nations Seminar in New York, sponsored by the Woman's Division gave me a better understanding of the work of the United Nations. I have copies of the report of this trip. If you wish a copy, please let me know.

I attended a meeting of the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation in Baton Rouge. It was a most informative meeting. The Section of Christian Social Relations has been represented at each of the meetings this year.

A 'first' for me was attending the annual meeting of the United Church Women in Sulphur and Lake Charles; however, I found the program so interesting and helpful that I am sure I will want to attend another meeting.

Another very pleasant experience I had this year was being the speaker for the Monroe District Workshop meeting and the Baton Rouge Annual District Meeting. I am grateful to these districts for this privilege.

Since Christian Social Relations work is involved in our day-to-day living and is vital to our relationship to each other, I am indeed pleased to say that the programs are being well promoted and carried out by the district secretaries. I feel that one of my most pleasant experiences is working with such capable and inspired workers.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

RECEIPTS:		
Received from Conference Treasurer		$300.00
Received from Registration in Workshop		233.76
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$533.76
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Louisiana Organization for State Legislation — Dues	$ 25.00	
Transportation and Expense of meeting, LOSL	12.73	
Transportation and Expense to Annual Meeting, United Church Women	8.75	
Transportation Expense in promoting of work	5.00	
Conference Committee mailing to local Society	25.70	
Mimeographing—Report of Trip	5.00	
Envelopes & Mailing of Report	3.50	
Mimeographing—Letter to District Secretary of C.S.R. & Executive Committee	2.00	
Envelopes & Postage f/ above	3.50	
Workshop Expense	325.68*	
Mimeographing—"Follow-Up Letter" from Workshop	3.75	
Envelopes & Postage f/ above	4.60	
Mimeographing—Letter to District Superintendent, Director of CSC, President & Sec. of CSR	3.00	
Postage & Envelopes f/ above	3.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$431.21	
		$431.21
On Hand May 22, 1965		$102.55
Check to Conference Treasurer		$102.55
on hand June 1, 1965		000.00

*Detailed account of this expenditure is on file with the Conference Treasurer and Conference President and this office.

Recommendations

Recognizing that it is a Christian's responsibility to be informed and to take action, it is recommended:

1. That local Societies make a greater effort to learn more about the ecumenical movement and give expression to their concern by active participation in the program of United Church Women. (If there is no Council of United Church Women in your community, ask your Conference Secretary of Christian Social Relations how you may participate in the program of United Church Women).

2. That local groups study the issues related to local, state and national legislation, such as gambling, alcohol, narcotics, school bond issues, school drop-outs, poverty program, etc.

3. That local Societies continue to hold Ciitzenship Brunches and engage in discussion groups on current issues.

4. That local Societies seek to learn the Facts about the purpose and function of the United Nations, especially the specialized agencies; i.e. UNICEF, UNESCO, FAO, WHO.

5. That district and local secretaries of Christian Social Relations seek closer cooperation with District and local Commissions on Christian Social Concerns.

6. That local Societies strive to understand the factors that create controversy and conflict between groups with the view to achieving more Christian attitude toward persons of other cultures, races and opinions. (See Dr. George Moe's booklet "Controversy and Conflict").

7. That, in order to understand the responsibilities of your office as Secretary of Christian Social Relations, special study be made of the new Handbooks, **The Methodist Woman, World Outlook,** and **Activities Leaflet 1965-66;** and that the Secretary of Christian Social Relations take Advantage of all opportunities for training.

MEMBERSHIP CULTIVATION

Mrs. Max L. Clayton, Secretary

This has been a year of many changes. First, we changed our name from Secretary of Promotion to Secretary of Membership Cultivation. This does not mean that we do not promote our work, for everything that the Society does is of vital concern to us. It does not mean that we do not work closely with our Presidents for this is more necessary than ever. It does mean that we have been relieved of some of the mechanics of the office and will be able to devote more time and effort to "getting and involving" members in the work. Membership Cultivation, of necessity, must be a concern of every officer, but the Secretary of Membership Cultivation, as chairman of the Membership Committee, must spearhead the work.

From the statistical report, you can see that we have lost members. We hope that many of them are lost on paper only. However, it does reflect that we can and must do more in the coming year. We are hopeful that each local society has a continuing plan for visitation and a plan for "cultivating" unchurched women, as well as women who belong to the church and do not belong to the Woman's Society or Guild. As a member of the Program Committee, we realize that we must try for more interesting, inspiring and informative programs in the local society. Our giving increased some, but we feel that the women would give more gladly if they heard more of the actual work that is being accomplished with the help of their money.

During October we had Miss Maryruth Nickels in our Conference. As she talked to small groups we saw again the problems as well as the tremendous strength of the local groups. Our problems are no greater or no less than women all over the world, perhaps, different.

Our task is not easy but as we plan for officers' training days in the local church, workshops in the districts, long hours of planning for programs, we realize what a privilege we have to hold an office that is directly concerned with helping us and other women to grow in knowledge and experience of the work and to challenge them to share in the witness and service of our organization.

Recommendations

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That we strive toward a Woman's Society of Christian Service in every church.

2. That we encourage the enlistment of District Members in areas where the organization of a Woman's Society or Wesleyan Service Guild is not feasible.

3. That an active, enthusiastic **Committee on Membership** be set up in every society in cooperation with the local Guild, using a joint committee whenever possible.

4. That we continue plans for visitation of all Methodist women, seeking to involve them in the activities of the church, and use SERVICE ACTIVITY CARDS to help accomplish this.

5. That we use new techniques and new patterns of approach as we try to enlist women in "witness and service" in the outreach of the church.

6. That we use every available help in promoting membership — including a thorough study of the Handbooks, articles from **The Methodist Woman** and other program materials.

7. That we avail ourselves of all training opportunities held in zones, districts, and conference meetings and special training sessions.

8. That we cooperate fully in Officers' Training Day in the local church.

9. That the Secretary of Membership Cultivation serve actively on the **Committee on Finance, Program, Spiriual Life Cultivation** and **Local Church Activities.**

10. That we cooperate in promotion of suggested financial programs in observance of our TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

11. That we seek the spiritual undergirding that will help us do more effective work and make us find real joy in serving as we become a part of "One Witness in One World".

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. Garland Dean, Secretary

In some ways the report of your Secretary of Missionary Education is a mathematical one, addition and subtraction. We have added Goals of Excellence for our Approved Studies and subtracted Jurisdiction Recognition, as credit cards are no longer issued. We added more interests, and the Fall Seminars became Workshops under the leadership of the Vice-President.

The total number of study classes of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was 671, total attendance of adults was 14,118. The number of classes maintaining minimum goals was 273, with an attendance of 6,085. Behind the figures lies the commitment of many to the cause of missionary education. The Woman's Division asked the following question of your Secretary on the 2nd period Evaluation Report, "What do you consider the major missionary education needs of your conference?" This question was discussed with your District Secretaries and we concluded that missionary education had three objectives: concern, knowledge, and action. The consensus of opinion was that too many people lack real concern for others. From the Manual for the Commission on Education we read, "Effective missionary education is based upon biblical teaching, theology, and factual information". We silently pledged diligent promotion of the approved studies and the use of recommended resources material for programming. Increased use of the above material would help give a biblical foundation for our ministry of reconciliation, create concern and give the factual information necessary to help translate love into action.

Recommendations

Recognizing that some change is good, that many unmet opportunities confront the women of Methodism, and believing that we must extend our concern in the area of Missionary Education and Service, we recommend:

1. That secretaries become familiar with the **Handbook on Program** and the **Handbook for the Woman's Society of Christian Service**, giving particular attention to the responsibilities of this office.

2. That secretaries understand their relationship to the Commission on Missions in the local church and the Committee on Program and the Committee on Finance in the local society.

3. That there be a goal of three approved studies of at least six hours each in each church, society or Guild, each year; and that having one or more of these on a church-wide basis be stressed.

4. That training opportunities, such as Conference School of Christian Mission, Officer Training and District Workshops be given "top priority". THIS IS A MUST.

5. That secretaries keep in touch with missionaries, deaconesses and contract workers (active and retired) to whom the society may be related in some way; and that contacts with the workers within the bounds of the conference be warm and personal.

6. That secretaries assist in plans, coming through the regular channels, for any proposed itineration of missionary speakers.
   (You will receive helpful information implementing recommendations Number 5 and Number 6)

7. That there be full cooperation of Methodist women in the program of the United Church Women.

8. That the Evaluation Report be studied earefully, filled out correctly and mailed promptly. THIS IS A PICTURE OF ACHIEVEMENTS!

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Secretary

It is most gratifying to report that during this year three young women have been accepted by the Board of Missions for short-term service. Two of them, Miss Juanelva Rose, who is presently serving as Director of Music at First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, and Miss Carol Wood, who graduated from Centenary College in May, will serve as special term foreign workers. Miss Carole Cotton, who also graduated this year at Centenary, will serve as a US-2. Miss Wood is from DeRidder and Miss Cotton from Rayville. Our prayers and our support will go with each of these fine young people in their new fields of service.

Many thrilling experiences in the area of recruitment have taken place during this year. One of the high moments was the commissioning of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson as Home Missionaries during the Annual Meeting held in March in Shreveport. Mr. and Mrs. Brunson served for a number of years as directors of Dulac Community Center and are designating Louisiana as their home conference. They are presently assigned to Wesley Community Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Jurisdiction Christian Voeations Week-End was attended by three from our conference: Misses Carole Cotton, Diane Watkins, and Carol Wood. Louisiana was also represented by a full quota of young people at the Missionary Conference on Mt. Sequoyah. The 1964 Mission Tour sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service gave

thirty-two young people the opportunity to see, first hand, the work of the Methodist Church among the Spanish-speaking peoples of Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico and among the American Indians of Oklahoma. This tour of 3,000 miles was directed by Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham of Baton Rouge who will also direct the 1965 tour. This tour, from July 6 to July 17, 1965, will include visits to Nashville, Tennessee, parts of Appalachia, and Washington, D.C.

District Secetaries have participated in the planning of Christian Vocations Workshops in many of the districts. Six of the secretaries attended the Officers' Training, and plans were made for a more concerted effort in reaching young people interested in church-related vocations and channeling information to them. The election of the Representative to the Committee on Christian Vocations, on the local level, will be of great value in this effort.

Each of us must continue to strive to create new understanding of the opportunities for Christian vocation in all of life.

Recommendations

Because the need for trained and dedicated leadership continues to be most urgent, it is recommended:

1. That each member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild seek to be such a witness in Christian living that her life may be a challenge for Christian service to youth.
2. That secretaries of Missionary Personnel on all levels make themselves thoroughly familiar with materials on Christian Vocations, know the requirements and qualifications for church-related service, and have adequate information regarding loans and scholarships. And, above all, that they seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very important task of recruitment.
3. That, wherever possible, missionaries, deaconesses, and special term workers be itinerated for local, district, and conference meetings to present the work of their respective fields.
4. That efforts be redoubled to insure that each local society recognizes the importance of its responsibility in the area of recruitment so that a member be nominated for membership on the local Committee on Christian Vocations and that this person be charged with the responsibility of filling out the evaluation sheet for the District Secretary of Missionary Personnel.
5. That full cooperation be given to the conference Commission on Christian Vocations. That the program of recruitment be strengthened and extended through conferences for high school young people and college students and that special opportunities for guidance be made possible for college juniors and seniors who have made a commitment for full time service to the church.
6. That special efforts be made to interest the professionally qualified woman in a church-related vocation in order that urgent needs may be met without delay.
7. That concerted effort be continued to reach the 25th Anniversary Goal of one regular worker for foreign service, one deaconess, one special term foreign worker, and one US-2.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke, Secretary

It has been a privilege for me to serve as the third secretary of Missionary Service in the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service — a joy to have known personally most of the missionaries, deaconesses and employed workers, who have gone out from our conference and those working within its borders. My association with these dedicated people has truly enriched my life.

After June (1965), Missionary Service will no longer be a separate office. We are sure it will still be a vitally important part of Missionary Education and Service. Because of the pressures and tensions under which our missionaries are working today, we need to encourage them more than ever before. We appreciate, too, the wonderful work and helping hand extended to so many by our deaconesses and employed workers. May we continue to show our love and appreciation through visits, cards and notes.

We have four missionaries from Louisiana who went out under the Woman's Division. Now, under the new set-up, we make no distinction. All who go out from the Methodist Church are our missionaries. For so long we have claimed and feel a close kinship to Dr. Vela Cleveland in India, Miss Elma Ashby in Southern Rhodesia, Miss Margaret Campbell, Mexico, and Miss Doretha Brown, who is home on furlough, from Liberia, Africa.

We have several Church-sponsored institutions in our Conference. Working in these are seven deaconesses, three U.S.-2's, twenty-five employed workers. Four deaconesses and one employed worker, from Louisiana are working in other conferences.

We have six retired deaconesses and missionaries, three living in Louisiana. Miss Ella Hooper, (deaconess) lives in Rosedale, Miss Sophie Kuntz, (deaconess) New Orleans, Miss Clara Chalmers, (missionary) New Orleans.

As Christians, may we all realize the potential of Missionary Service in making "ONE WITNESS IN ONE WORLD".

PROGRAM MATERIALS

Mrs. **T. M. Ellis**, Secretary

Though there was a change in the title and in some of the duties of our office, we are still concerned with the use and the sale of **Methodist Literature.**

Those invaluable helps which the secretary of **Program Materials** should be familiar with are: The **Handbooks, Program Book, The Methodist Woman, World Outlook, Mission Study Books, Annual Report, Prayer Calendar, Catalog** and **Visual Aids.** The visual aids can be secured from Library of Methodist Area Council, P. O. Box 4325, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Program materials should be used with the Bible for inspiration and knowledge. They give **Life** to programs. They help to interpret and to undergird the entire program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. Our **Literature** is the Vitamin which strengthens the body of our organization.

The **Methodist Woman** has an unlimited supply of helps for the local society, when it is used. From the November and May **Evaluation Reports** I found that all local secretaries do not subscribe. How can you sell something you do not know about? Subscribing is one of the requirements in order to fulfill the duties of your office.

The local secretary does not seem to realize the importance of her office as evidenced by her indifference in reporting. We do have many figures to compile but there are also questions on the reports. In answering these you can express yourself quite fully. There has been some confusion this year in receiving **Evaluation Reports**, but that should be corrected by next report period.

I appreciate the efforts of the district Secretaries. They have worked hard to promote all program materials and they have placed particular emphasis on Accurate reporting.

Recommendations

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. Every society elect a secretary of Program Materials or assign her duties to some officer.

2. All secretaries of Program Materials (local, district and conference) should:

   a. Own and read a combination subscription to **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook**; study carefully the back page of The Methodist Woman for new materials and advise officers of these materials.

   b. Recognize and accept the importance of her task, for program materials undergird the entire program of the Woman's Society.

   c. Study and restudy the Handbooks, the page on Program Materials in **The Methodist Woman** and the evaluation report blanks.

   d. Constantly work for new and renewal subscriptions to **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook**, with emphasis on special drives and promotion efforts.

   e. Prepare and send accurate reports in November and May ON TIME.

3. Special duties of District Secretaries of Program Materials include:

   a. Full responsibility for ordering, displaying and selling literature at Workshops and Annual Meetings.

   b. Study and analyze each report and send suggestions for improvement.

4. Special duties for the local Secretary of Program Materials include:

   b. Prompt handling and distribution of any materials sent the society through her. (Evaluation Reports, Treasurer's Remittance Blanks, Call to Prayer and Self Denial.)

   b. Making herself an invaluable asset to the Committee on Program, of which she is a member and encouraging her Society to include in its budget an amount for literature.

SPIRITUAL LIFE CULTIVATION

Mrs. T. Luster James, Secretary

As I come to the close of my first year as Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, I am looking back with regret, for there are many things I can see that should have been done. I am also looking back with gratitude for many things that have been accomplished that are proving to be real spiritual blessings to many of us.

I have had wonderful cooperation from all the district secretaries. What a joy it has been to me to work with them. We are looking ahead to another year of work and fellowship. We have three new secretaries. We welcome them and express our deepest thanks to those who have served so faithfully in the past.

In our clinic last summer we were privileged to have the help and support of Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Mrs. W. W. Paxton and Mrs. George Sexton. A highlight of the clinic was a most helpful Depth Bible Study conducted by Mrs. Dana Dawson.

The conference officers have expressed appreciation for the Quiet Hour we had just prior to the opening of the first session of our Annual Meeting in Shreveport.

In April of this year we were lifted to a very high level spiritually. Mrs. Cecil Matthews, Jurisdiction Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, came to Alexandria and conducted a School of Prayer in Miniature. There were 17 in attendance, including Mrs. George Dameron, our Conference President. The district secretaries were very enthusiastic over this meeting, and I feel that we will, because of this "School of Prayer", make great gains spiritually during this year ahead.

According to the Evaluation Reports there are many deep needs, "more dedicated women", "more prayer—both personal and group", "more Bible study", "more concern among the women for things of the spirit." This is encouraging—because when needs are felt and expressed, it is the beginning of growth. We hope and pray that these needs expressed will become needs in action. We must strive to be Christian witnesses where we are in all of life, so that we will be able to "help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world."

Recommendations

Spiritual Life **Cultivation** is a matter of **Relationships** — with one another and with God. The goals are literally expressed in the Purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. In moving toward the achievement of this purpose we recommend that each secretary —

1. CORRELATE Spiritual Life Cultivation with the following avenues of service:

   The Executive Committee; Committee on Program; Committee on Membership; and Commission on Membership and Evangelism.

2. CAMPAIGN for the use of such materials as —

   The Program Book; The Prayer Calendar; The Methodist Woman; World Outlook; Handbook for Woman's Society of Christian Service; and Handbook on Program.

3. CULTIVATE the Spiritual disciplines, such as —

   Bible Reading, Prayer, Study, Worship, and Stewardship of life and possessions.

4. CIRCULATE appropriate thought-provoking books and other materials —

   At monthly meetings; Through book shelf or church library; and For study and prayer groups.

5. CO-OPT for participation in permeating the society with meaning and purpose through —

   Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation; Complete program of society; Special meetings, such as times apart, retreats, schools of prayer, A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.

6. CAPITALIZE on every opportunity for involvement in enrichment and relevant service in society, church and community.

7. COMMIT heart, soul, mind and strength in love and devotion to the Call of Christ.

SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. J. B. Kelley, Secretary

The Supply Work Askings for the Louisiana Conference for 1964-1965 were $16,467.15. Some of the districts have met their Askings in full; some have overpaid and some have not been able to meet them. Alexandria and Ruston Districts have paid in full; Baton Rouge and Shreveport Districts have overpaid. The special Christmas offerings helped to supplement the Askings that were not met. Approximately $500.00 was sent to Dulac Community Center to aid in restoring damage suffered from Hurricane Hilda. Cash value of goods sent to different institutions amounted to $225.37. Some cash was sent to projects not on our Askings for this year.

At the close of the third period the Woman's Society of Christian Service had paid $13,940.10 on the Supply Askings; the Wesleyan Service Guild had paid $2,150.93, which overpaid their Askings of $1,950.00.

The quota for Red Scissors Coupons was oversubscribed last year. The money received for these coupons is a great help in maintaining the camp at St. Mark's Community Center.

Cash for Supply Work Askings

1965 - 1966

World Askings, $5,000.00 National Askings, $11,387.58

Assignments for Districts

Business Girls' Inn, 814 Cotton St., Shreveport
El Mesias Methodist Kindergarten, 209 E. 6th St., Mission, Texas
MacDonell Methodist Center, 1210 E. Main St., Houma
Newark Methodist Hospital, 1109 E. Fifth Ave., El Paso, Texas
Peoples' Community Center, 2019 Simon Bolivar, New Orleans
Wesley Foundation, University Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette
Wesley Foundation, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston
Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.
World Askings: Aoyama Gaukin Woman's Jr. College, Tokoyo, Japan

Recommendations

IT IS RECOMMENDED that:

1. A secretary of Supply Work be active in each local Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.
2. The secretary of Supply Work on all levels cooperate fully with the treasurer in reporting Supply giving.
3. The local secretary of Supply Work be an active member of the Committee on Finance and present for approval the Askings received from the District Secretary of Supply Work.
4. There be continued and regular efforts by district secretaries of Supply Work to give guidance to local secretaries concerning projects and institutions on the Supply Work Askings, presentation of information, and cooperation with the treasurer on all levels.
5. Each local secretary of Supply Work present information to her society to help make Supply giving more meaningful. Careful and diligent use should be made of **The Methodist Woman, World Outlook,** letters from missionaries, and personal reports by local people who have visited mission projects.

6. All money be carefully designated as to place and project for which it is intended. Emphasize the necessity of meeting the Askings in full.

7. Red Scissors coupons be collected and sent to St. Mark's Community Center for camp maintenance.

8. Each society meet its first responsibility -- **Pledge to Missions** -- and then go the second mile -- **Supply Work.**

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Miss Arline Tyler, Secretary

(See page 142)

YOUTH WORK

Mrs. Charles H. Giessen, Secretary

It seems strange to realize that this is the final evaluation report from the secretary of Youth Work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Yet, the time has come and the plans have been made for this work to be done through different channels. In order to provide creative, new and effective ways and means of education for world mission among youth in the local church, it is recommended that the Commission on Education, in co-operation with the Commission on Missions, assume this responsibility.

This has been a year of transition but not a year for standing still. We have been involved in exciting new plans for preserving the values of the past and enriching the future in terms of education for mission among youth. The young people of the conference have participated in many activities which have extended their outreach. Thirty-three youth, representing five districts, attended the eighth National Convocation of Methodist Youth at Purdue University in Indiana in July 1964. Another thirty-three of our young people took part in the 1964 mission Tour that was sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. This afforded them opportunity of becoming acquainted with some of the work our church is doing with Spanish Americans and the American Indians. Nearly four hundred youth and their adult leaders came from seven districts to attend the Youth Banquet at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 11, 1965. Dr. Jack S. Wilkes, president of Centenary College of Louisiana was the guest speaker and the Centenary Choir provided special music. Our Louisiana Conference Youth, this year, paid $7,444.41 to the Methodist Youth Fund in addition to what they gave to World Service through their local churches.

As Conference Secretary of Youth Work I was privileged to attend the first Regional Seminar on Cultivating Christian Stewardship with Children and Youth. As this program develops within our conference, we trust that a fresh and new image of the Christian Steward will challenge our youth to action as they become aware of a sense of world mission.

To those of you who have served our youth through the Woman's Society of Christian Service I wish to express my sincere personal appreciation. I know that your love for, interest in, and understanding of young people will continue to find means of constructive expression even though you do not now hold such an office. The Challenge to witness to our faith in and commitment to God's mission is ever present and demands our highest loyalty, our best efforts, and our complete dedication -- wherever we are and in whatever capacity we serve.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF DISTRICTS

1964-1965

District	Alexandria	Baton Rouge	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Monroe	New Orleans	Ruston	Shreveport	Conference Totals
No. Societies	38	55	32	31	45	37	38	45	321
Membership, WSCS	1015	2122	1082	1417	1933	1783	1458	2610	13,420
Dist. Member	0	1	12	0	11	1	3	1	29
No. WSG Units	11	17	8	13	17	12	11	17	106
Membership WSG	202	217	146	236	294	219	232	287	1,833
Total Adult Membership	1217	2340	1240	1653	2238	2003	1693	2898	15,282
No. Societies Represented:									
Annual Meeting	14	18	8	11	17	16	19	30	133
District Workshop	32	42	27	24	44	20	33	32	254
District:									
Attendance at Workshop	298	457	135	282	200	200	316	301	2,189
Met Pledge	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	4
Day Apart	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	4
Officers at Training Day	12	12	7	8	7	12	12	9	79
Youth on Tour	4	11	0	6	4	0	2	6	33
Youth at Mission Conf. at Mt. Sequoyah	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	8

Conference Totals for Years	1963-64	1964-65	Net Gain
No. Societies	318	321	3
District Members	117	29	-88
Total WSCS Membership	12,965	13,449	484
No. WSG Units	105	106	1
Total WSG Membership	1,917	1,833	-84

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Mrs. Garland Dean, Chairman

1964 School of Christian Mission

Total attendance of the 1964 School of Christian Mission of the Louisiana Conference was 323. This includes teachers, students, visitors, and guests. Of the 260 women enrolled, 165 were in second series classes, with 159 or 96.3% receiving credit cards. Ninety-five were enrolled in **Purpose and Program for a New Age**, a non-credit class. 219 were enrolled in the elinics with 47 district officers and secretaries of lines of work in the attendance pattern. We want to acknowledge with grateful appreciation, Mrs. W. D. Snelling, Registrar, who was concluding many years of service. Gretchen Elston Benner, a missionary home on furlough from Japan, was a Resource Person. Film and filmstrips related to the studies were previewed at an afternoon assembly.

Literature sales of $1,028.67 were reported. Mrs. John Cooke of Shreveport again served as Librarian for the School of Missions. Mrs. T. Luster James, Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation, arranged for the preparation and distribution of **Morning Meditations for School of Missions** by Mrs. Carl Williams and was also responsible for placing printed blessings on the table. We are indebted to Mrs. J. S. Bond for a beautiful interest center for Bible Hour; Mrs. J. J. Caraway, organist; and Mrs. Fred Shirley, soloist and director of singing.

Given to the Woman's Division for missions were: an IN HONOR GIFT FOR TEACHERS of $55.10, a SPECIAL GIFT of $12.50, and a MISSIONARY OFFERING for $180.50 in honor of Mrs. Wideman Watson, who was concluding thirteen years of active service on the School of Mission's staff. She is loved and appreciated by the entire conference.

Meetings of the Committee On School of Christian Mission

In a meeting of the Committee on School of Christian Mission at Centenary College on August 6, 1964, the following were elected for the 1965 School: Librarian, Mrs. John L. Cooke; Housing Chairman, Mrs. J. T. Eubank; Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Miller; Chairman of Audio-Visuals, Mrs. Wideman Watson. Because of a new by-law combining the two former positions of "chairman" and "dean", approval was given the new terminology that follows: Dean, Mrs. Garland Dean; Assistant Dean, Mrs. Charles Giessen; Chairman of Arrangements, Mrs. W. B. Gardner. Permission was granted the above for implementation of a division of their responsibilities. With the assistance of Miss Miriam Brattain, Division Staff member, Mrs. Dean presented, by means of a flip chart, the new set-up for the 1965 School of Christian Mission. A selection of teachers was made for the 1965 School.

In a meeting of the Committee on School of Christian Mission on November 4, 1964, at Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, the following recommendation was approved for submission to the executive committee: "We recommend that the following persons, if not already members of the committee, be added to the Committee on School of Christian Mission, the year they are serving: Treasurer, Assistant Dean, Chairman of Arrangements, Registrar, and Chairman of Audio-Visual Resources".

The Committee on School of Christian Mission met on March 8, 1965, in the home of Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick in Shreveport. Because the Committee meets a limited number of times each year, the motion was made and carried that an Ad Interim Committee be named by the Dean. Due to the Joint Action of the Woman's Division and Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation authorizing such experimentation, the committee approved the invitation, on a planned basis of a limited number of men as students to the School of Christian Mission.

In a meeting of the Committee on School of Christian Mission at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, on March 13, 1965, the following were elected for the 1966 School of Christian Mission: Dean, Mrs. John L. Howe; Assistant Dean, Mrs. Garland Dean; Chairman of Arrangements, Mrs. W. B. Gardner; Registrar, Miss Arline Tyler; Chairman of Audio-Visuals, Mrs. Wideman Watson.

In a call meeting of the Ad Interim Committee on the School of Christian Mission at the First Methodist Church, Alexandria, April 21, 1965, the following policy was recommended for the 1965 School: "Due to the new set-up of the School of Christian Mission, full participation is very important. After the first full day of registration the seeretaries of the application groups, offieer responsibility groups, and special interest groups will be requested to register each person who attends. All will be asked to pay the full registration fee."

1965 School of Christian Mission

Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana

August 9-13, 1965

Dean: Mrs. Garland Dean
Asst. Dean: Mrs. Charles Giessen
Chairman of Arrangements: Mrs. W. B. Gardner
Registrar: Mrs. T. Haller Jackson
Chairman of Audio-Visuals: Mrs. Wideman Watson

Treasurer: Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Secretary: Mrs. E. B. Miller
Housing Chairman: Mrs. J. T. Eubank
Librarian: Mrs. John G. Cooke
Interest Centers: Mrs. Joe Bond, Mrs. Thomas Pitt

Group Meetings and Leaders

Platform Hour: First class period, the entire school meets together.
Team Coordinator: Mrs. C. R. McCammon

Application Groups: Small study-work groups, second class period.

a. **The Witness of Every Christian**
   Mrs. C. B. McGowan
   Mrs. Guy M. Hicks
   Mrs. Harold L. Soulen
b. **Social Issues for the Christian**
   Mrs. Earl Cotton
   Mrs. George Hart
c. **Outreach through Missions**
   Mrs. R. Russell Heaner
   Mrs. John L. Howe

Bible Study: Acts: Miss Ethelene Sampley

Special Interest Groups:

a. **Coaching Session**
   Mrs. G. W. Dameron
b. **Use of Program Resources**
   Mrs. E. Maurice Faubion
c. **Membership Cultivation**
   Mrs. Max Clayton
   Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick
d. **University World**
   Mrs. John L. Howe

Officer Responsibility Groups: Replacing former Officer Clinics. All officers and secretaries of lines of work of the Woman's Society, and all secretaries, officers, and Chairmen of lines of work of the Wesleyan Service Guild are in the pattern of attendance. There will be training in individual and committee work.

Morning Meditations:

Mrs. Dana Dawson

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON TOURS

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Chairman

Planning for the fourth annual Mission Tour sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service is under way. Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham, who conducted the very successful tour last summer, will again serve as directors. Mr. and Mrs. Oldham are members of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, and are active in all phases of youth work.

The itinerary for the 1965 Mission Tour will include Nashville, Tennessee, the center of Methodism, parts of Appalachia, and Washington, D. C. The tour, which will be approximately two weeks long, will leave from Alexandria, Louisiana, on July 5, 1965.

The cost of the tour will be $80 for each member. This includes meals and transportation. Overnight stops are made at the projects visited or in churches along the route. This necessitates sleeping bags or bed rolls.

Selection of the tour members is made by a committee from applications received. An applicant must be a junior or senior in high school or of college age and active in his church or student group. The tour is designed to acquaint young people with the scope and variety of mission projects and institutions through which the Church serves people. It also provides an opportunity for growth in Christian fellowship and group living.

Application blanks will be mailed in early April to all local presidents of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and to all pastors. These blanks should be returned to Mrs. John Oldham, 10465 Cedarlane Drive, Baton Rouge, by May 15, 1965. Those selected as tour members will be notified by June 10, 1965.

Local societies are urged to inform their young people concerning this tour and to encourage applications from those who will derive the greatest benefit from it. Those who have been members of tour groups in previous years gladly share their experiences with local church groups. Slides of the 1964 Tour, which covered some 3000 miles through Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma and gave special emphasis to work among Spanish and Indian Americans, are available from Mrs. Oldham.

Additional information may be obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Oldham and from the chairman of the Committee on Tours, Mrs. C. R. McCammon, 112 Arnould Boulevard, Lafayette, Louisiana.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE NEWS

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Chairman
Mrs. W. E. Trice, Editor

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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	Gold wash	6.50	
	Inserts in folder	5.30	
	Folding	10.75	
		$159.60	
	Tax	4.79	
		$164.39	$164.39
Mailing 977 copies		12.15	
Special mailing		1.00	
Bulk mailing fee—1965		30.00	
Miscellaneous Expense (Itemized to Treas.)		8.86	52.01
		52.01	
Total			$216.40

June, 1965, Issue of Louisiana Conference News

Invoice S and S Printers, June 1965			
Printing 1200 copies	Front (one side)	$ 63.90	
	Second Side	42.90	
	Folding	10.75	
	Cuts	14.67	
		$132.22	$132.22
Mailing 1012 copies		12.65	
Special Mailing		1.00	13.65
		$13.65	
Total			$145.87
	Total for 1965		$362.27

This **Annual Report** is an educational tool. Study it and use it to learn more about the work of the Woman's Society and Guild in the Louisiana Conference.

REPORTS OF PROJECTS IN LOUISIANA RELATED TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

COMMUNITY CENTERS

PEOPLES METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

2019 Simon Bolivar Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113
Mrs. Pearl Turnbull, Nursery Teacher

Peoples Center offers service to this community twelve months of each year to all age groups. Although the original purpose of the institution was to provide day care for children of working mothers, a variety of other phases have been added from year to year.

The day care and school department offers a well balanced program of educational and recreational activities for the children entrusted to its care during the mother's working hours. There are seventy-five children in the two to four year old groups. They are in two separate groups with a teacher and two assistants in charge of each group. More than a hundred are enrolled in the kindergarten and primary grades. Approximately two hundred boys and girls are registered for the clubs, athletics and other afternoon and evening activities offered for teenagers.

During the summer months when schools are closed special summer day care is provided for older children up to fourteen years of age whose parents work during the day and do not wish to leave the children to their own devices. The summer program includes extended vacation Bible school courses, day camp activities and classes in music, dancing and art. Summer registration was one hundred and sixty-fve (165) children.

The mothers' club, the parent teachers' club, the uniform drill teams, the practical nurses' sessions, the masonic chorus, the style revues, the Sunday teas, the special church banquets, the workshops and institutes keep several hundred adults utilizing Peoples' facilities the year around.

The founders of Peoples liked to think of it as "The House By The Side of The Road." We still like to think of it as being just that. To the Woman's Society of Christian Service we wish to express our thanks and grateful appreciation for their subsubstantial contribution toward the realization of our program of service to this community.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, Louisiana

Fae L. Daves, Director

To fulfill the mission of the church, a mission much discussed today, means that we must take action in many directions. Such action was taken many years ago in New Orleans when St. Mark's Community Center was started for it is the Church at work in the inner city — the Church reaching out that second mile without regard to race or creed to serve people.

Actually we are not yet serving Negroes although they are a part of our neighborhood. As a Church Agency it seems too bad that we have not taken the initiative in this direction. Now it seems we will be forced to take this action if we are to continue as a participating member of the United Fund of New Orleans.

At St. Mark's during the past year we have served 650 persons, age range 4 to 90 years. A developmental rather than a remedial program is offered. There are no case workers or psychiatrists on the staff. Persons in

need of these services are referred to other agencies. Our members do not come to St. Mark's because of personal problems, although they may have them, but because of needs they hold in common with others. They seek a group relationship for togetherness, a sense of belonging, opportunities to share in new experiences, to do things and go places, to have fun. Hence, our activities are planned to help youth find new interests, to develop individual skills, to learn how the democratic process works, to cooperate, to have fun and find inspiration and challenge along the way. Our activities include clubs, interest groups, Girl Scouts, athletics, and many special features for children and youth, such as weekend camping during the school year. We also offer some services for adults. The work with Senior Citizens has continued. Right now these women (for so far it is a woman's group) are very busy making things for the Annual Fair which will be held this year Saturday evening, March 27th.

Last summer we had the biggest program in the knowledge of the present director. We ran our camp five weeks at capaeity with 94 campers. Miss Laura Smith, Camp Director, says it was the most successful and best summer camp we have experienced. The in-town program included a number of the usual features; such as Play Camp with the theme of nature appreciation; game room; swimming in the clean water of our newly filtered pool. With the city pools closed we had more children wanting to swim than we could accommodate. The outstanding feature of our swimming program was our family night swims. Again we had six weeks of play two afternoons a week for the children of the Iberville Housing Project.

We have continued our extension service in the Iberville Project with English Classes for Cubans, clubs for girls, and sessions two mornings a week for preschool children. The boys find their way to the Community Center and are in our club and athletic program. A church group started to help one of these families at Christmas time this year. They were, I believe, shocked to discover that problems like they found really exist and that there are people in our city actually living in such conditions. One woman from the church group has spent many hours trying to help. Of course this group cannot hope to solve all the problems but there are ways in which they can help and they can give support and encouragement. Our regular staff members do not have time to get involved to this extent in such situations.

We were sorry to lose Miss Wilma Snare at the end of the summer program but our best wishes are with her and her husband in her new work. Our biggest problem as always is getting enough adequately trained staff. We appreciate our volunteers, who give us much needed help and support, but they cannot substitute for trained staff. Without trained staff it is impossible to do the job that needs to be done. Leadership training is a strong point of our program. Three of our girls who are graduating from High School in June will be working with us this summer with some undergraduates who have taken our leadership training course. Two of the graduates are thinking of social group work as a career because of their association with St. Marks.

I want to express my thanks and deep appreciation for the wonderful support given me personally during the time I have been director of St. Mark's. I will have completed almost 17 years here when I retire next September. I covet for my successor the same generous understanding, loyal and prayerful support you have given me.

EDUCATIONAL WORK AND RESIDENCES

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

814 Cotton Street, Shreveport, Louisiana

Mrs. Maxine F. Watkins, Director

An early September telephone call from Board President, Mrs. L. G. Thomas, acquainted me for the first time with Business Girls' Inn as well as

the coming need for a new Director. I am grateful for the initial call and the subsequent impelling forces which brought me here on January 1.

While the work seems to fall into separate parts, the administration of the Inn and a program of Christian education of the girls, the task actually is one. It is to help each girl grow in her own best way, to help her discover and develop her potential within a framework of growth toward God in the knowledge that "if anyone be in Christ, he is a new creation. Behold, the old one has passed away; the new has come."

During these first weeks of my tenure, the steps I have taken seem mostly to have been extra steps, yet necessary to know and to do the job. There was one bitter cold night when I stayed up because of an ailing heating system; another, when I was up with the girl whose toothache was worse because her mother was to undergo surgery the next day. The never-ending request for new light bulbs or help for stopped-up drains has been sandwiched in between requests for small change to get a coke or to make that all-important telephone call. I have stood on a chair in my stocking feet checking the heat vent only to discover that girls had wide-open windows—and have stayed a while to look at pictures of homes and families and THE boy. With each open vent, quarter changed, and aspirin dispensed, there is the possibility of coming closer to a girl. Behind the seeming trivia of which size hair roller to use and whether to iron or not may lie hidden hungers and needs--and opportunity for response as "deep answers to deep."

Ideas on many phases of our life at the Inn expressed by the girls through our "Suggestion Box" have resulted in the forming of several committees. Already these committees are proving to be invaluable as the girls have become involved in thinking and working together, clarifying issues, listening with respect to ideas and ways that are different, assuming some of the responsibilities that come with privilege.

All of us owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Ruth Dixon Maddy who left Business Girls' Inn to become director of Esther Hall in Philadelphia. Calendar-wise her tenure here was brief; influence-wise, her personality will long be felt.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Northwestern State College of Louisiana, Natchitoches, Louisiana

Robert Tatum, Director

Students at our Wesley Foundation have developed the following statement of Faith and Purpose. Our program is based on this statement:

We, the Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State College as part of the church universal at work, declare this to be our statement of faith. We believe in God, the Father, who is revealed by Jesus Christ our Saviour. Because of the revelation, we are challenged to serve Him. Our purpose is to cultivate a growing faith rather than to be satisfied with an inherited one. We feel that as Christian students we are challenged by our faith to worship, to witness, to study, and to join in fellowship.

WORSHIP—by which we strive to honestly praise God and to realize his presence in our lives. This area includes two vesper services each week. Students gain new and rich experiences through deputation trips to various church meetings. Recently we have also initiated a program where students help with Sunday evening services of worship at First Methodist Church. We have also helped with leadership in co-op dorm prayer meetings.

WITNESS—by striving to live Christ's way of life by following His example of service to our fellowman. Last fall, at the request of some physical education faculty members we were instrumental in starting a Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter on our campus. A major emphasis this fall was

carried out by our Witness chairman as Wesley Calendars were given to all Methodist upper classmen and calendars and **Orientations** were given to all freshmen students This spring we are conducting Methodist Membership Classes for students interested in knowing more about the Methodist Church.

STUDY—by constantly increasing our knowledge of God and His world and to enlighten our faith through the discipline of our minds. Our library is opened for study and reference work on a daily basis. We offer two organized study classes one in Bible and another in a study of basic Christian belief and ethics. Thus far we have studied: The Book of Revelation and the Book of Acts. We have made studies of Prayer, John Wesley's Sermons and **Honest to God.** Our building is being used to teach remedial physical education classes for students with physical handicaps. Through the use of conversation groups, discussions and organized study we are working with a foreign student helping him learn the everyday use of English.

FELLOWSHIP—by joining together to gain and accept an understanding of our fellow man. Our students have attended the following conferences: Regional Leadership Life and Mission Conference in Oklahoma; The Eighth Quadrennial Methodist Student Movement Conference in Nebraska and the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement Conference at Lafayette. This, coupled with parties, Wednesday night meals and programs, informal times and retreats summarizes our program for the year.

PASTORAL CARE: This is not included in our statement of faith because it is a job responsibility particular to the campus minister. My duties in this area are: visiting on campus, helping the sick, seeking our students in the time of emergency and family or personal crisis, visiting and working with faculty members, preaching, counseling and general program supervision.

We wish to thank the ladies of Louisiana for their fine support. Each year we become more and more aware that without the help and support of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, our work would be greatly curtailed. And as our campus grows, 730 Methodist this year, 860 next year, your support and our responsibility will be more necessary. Pray for our work!

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, Louisiana

William M. Stokes, Jr., Director

"I just had to drop you a note to tell you what an inspiration it was for me to visit your Wesley Foundation. The students I met seemed to be a cross-section of the social life of the campus and not a narrow-minded group that is wrapped up in themselves. I must admit that on Thursday I will wish that for a little while I could be a 'Bulldog' so I could participate in your group." Thus, wrote a student from another college who visited our Wesley Foundation. What then do students find at Wesley Foundation?

Thursday and Sunday Vespers, planned and conducted by the students, are the most important aspect of our program. These students have a faith they are willing to share. Their messages are not "canned" worship services from a book, but messages of their devotion to Christ. Sixty-five students were present for the Thanksgiving Communion Service and fifty students for the Christmas Communion Service, which were held at seven o'clock in the morning. The Pre-Easter Vesper Services theme is "The Post-Christian Era" The topics are "Who Is Jesus?" and "What Is The Resurrection?" There will be a showing of the film "King of Kings", and also the communion service. With Bible Study there is a depth study of the Gospel of John. The students' witness is seen in many churches with deputation teams. A deputation team is a group of college students who go to the churches of our District to present a morning or an evening service of worship, speak to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Men's Club, Methodist Youth Fellowship, or be

of service any way they can. As these students — majoring in pre-law, education, engineering, etc. — stand behind the pulpit to bring their messages they proclaim their Christian faith.

The freshmen were honored with a "Hukilau." Some other parties, including a party in honor of our international students, have been scheduled that we might become better acquainted. Students participate in many campus activities: second place in homecoming display "The Bulldogs Net Another Victory"; first place in Campus Carnival, "Wesley County Jail"; Open House in honor of Mothers' Week End and Fathers' Week End; and intramurals. The choir, which provides special music for vespers and deputations, is in rehearsal for Sing Week. There are service projects: monthly program presented for senior citizens at a Nursing Home; groceries at Christmas for a needy family; and financial support of missions with the Methodist Student Movement Fund.

Fall Planning Retreat is held for the Council at Caney Lake, Minden, before the beginning of the Fall Semester. Here Council members plan the years' program. The students are in complete charge of all phases of a Spring Retreat from that of discussion leaders and preparing the meals, to bringing the messages at the Sunday morning worship service.

Before the Fall Semester begins Methodist freshmen receive letters of welcome from the president and director, and a member of the council. With the student dormitory visitation, the students are given a Wesley Foundation calendar, which lists the weekly schedule, and the program is explained. As the students enter the door at Wesley Foundation they are greeted by the students, given a name tag, and introduced to other students.

The pastors of our churches, Reverend Douglas McGuire and Reverend Wilson Watson, and their members help the students find their place in the worship services, offering them affiliate or regular membership. Dr. Henry Rickey, our District Superintendent, is to be highly commended for the support given in presenting our program to the churches of the District. The support of the Woman's Division helps with the witness our students bring on campus.

A recent graduate wrote: "Sometime I wonder what I am going to do without Wesley. I love all of you down there. I felt there was something for me to do on Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday nights." While another student wrote: "Once again I want to say, Bill, Wesley meant a lot to me while I was in college and I shall always remember and love that little place that will always mean so much to me."

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana

Robert S. Barefield, Director

Summary of Fall Semester 1964-65

	Average Attendance
Thursday Night Activities	43
Noon-Day Chapel	16
Commuters' Luncheon	15
Sunday Evening Meal	22
Choir	15
Sunday School	20

The Fall Semester was begun with a Council Pre-School Planning Retreat, with 16 in attendance, at Cypremort Point. Our Thursday night programs were well planned and our average attendance was good. Our Noon-Day Chapel was increased to five days a week, and the students conducted these devotional periods themselves. Sunday School has been a very meaningful experience with outstanding teachers presenting the programs each month. The highlight of the Fall Semester was the attendance by 10 of our students and the Wesley Director at the Eighth Quadrennial Methodist Student Movement Conference at Lincoln, Nebraska. This was a very meaningful and challenging conference.

February of Spring Semester, 1965

A new emphasis in our Wesley Foundation was begun this semester with the inauguration of our Covenant Community. This is a study and discussion experience that meets weekly on Sunday nights at the Methodist Student Center. Each student pledges 2½ hours per week in this program, one hour in regular study and 1½ hours at the meeting. In the three meetings that we have held in February, 39 different students were included and there was an average attendance of 26. On February 19 - 21, we were hosts for the State Conference of the Louisiana Methodist Student Movement. Dr. John Deschner of Perkins School of Theology was the keynote speaker. The Conference was very well received.

SAGER BROWN SCHOOL

Baldwin, Louisiana

Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent

"To serve the present age." We may look around us in the world and see many types of service presented to us by the church. These services rendered by the church of today will largely determine the kind of world we shall live in tomorrow.

Another year has been spent at Sager Brown School in the service of helping boys and girls to know the Christ-way of living. A worker who came to Sager Brown for the first time made this statement: "There is never a dull moment at Sager Brown School." Some of our experiences during the year 1964-1965 have well substantiated this statement.

The campus has taken on a new look because of the landscaping that has been done and because of a new road and parking area that were recently added.

Sager Brown has been home for about forty-five children. Our day pupils have brought the enrollment to one hundred forty. The entire staff numbered sixteen and among these were four deaconesses and three US-2's.

During the summer a new program was added. Besides our regular program of tutoring the slower learners, we introduced a recreational program consisting of sewing, cooking, arts and crafts, recreation. This was an experiment, but its acceptance last summer has caused us to project the same type of program into our schedule for the future. The Boy Scout Troop, the Choral Group, the Methodist Youth Fellowship, the Vacation Church School, and the Church School activities of Trinity Church have all given our boys and girls an opportunity to serve in the community.

The campus has provided a site for activities of the New Iberia District, the Louisiana Conference, and the Educational Association of St. Mary Parish. Some of the activities sponsored by the above mentioned groups were: the School of Missions of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference, a Career Day Clinic for the New Iberia District, a Retreat for the ministers, ministers' wives and staff of the New Iberia District, and a meeting of the St. Mary Parish Educational Association.

Our experiences during Hurricane Hilda clenched the statement that "There is never a dull moment at Sager Brown." The total family, staff and children, were evacuated for five days. We returned to face damages and all signs that let us know "Hilda" had left her marks. Every building was damaged to some extent, but the roof, the dining hall and kitchen of the girls' dormitory received the most damage. Many thanks to you of this group and to everyone who showed concern for the school at that time.

A report that appeared in the newspapers stating that five hundred blankets had been contributed to Sager Brown by the Church World Service Center following "Hilda" was an error. The two bundles that were given to

Sager Brown consisted of used children's clothing, six quilts, and five or six blankets. The gift was very much appreciated.

Most of the repairs made necessary by the hurricane have been done, but it will be quite a long time before all traces of "Hilda" are completely erased.

Thank you for your supplies, both materially and financially; and especially do we wish to thank those of you who have contributed to the Library and Medical Funds.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND MEDICAL WORK

MacDONELL METHODIST CENTER

1210 East Main Street, Houma, Louisiana

John L. Howe, Jr., Director

In a children's home, such as the MacDonell Methodist Center, the steps leading to help for individual children are climbed over and over each day by staff members searching for answers to children's needs. The 25 to 30 children who live here come from family situations troubled so that children need temporary placement outside their own homes. The children frequently have problems that reflect the turmoil in the home. Here, in a group living situation, they find comfort and a sort of anonymity. It is important, therefore, that the group program be continually oriented to the specific needs of individual children so that each is helped to develop his own distinct personality.

This service to children has been much strengthened this year through the addition to our staff of Mr. Carl Haydel, caseworker. In regular interviews with staff, children, public school personnel, other professional help, and with parents, Mr. Haydel draws all who are involved with a particular child into a staff-team approach to the child's needs and, as a group, they find the strength and patience needed to start over again and again in the search for the best plan to help each individual child.

This past summer, for the second time, a MacDonell staff member attended the five week course for child-care staff at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Ermol Wesner, house-parents, and the Reverend W. W. Bevill, board member, attended the Annual Workshop for Personnel of Methodist Agencies for Children and Youth—held this year at Estes Park, Colorado. This is the sixth consecutive year MacDonell has had houseparents at this workshop and the second time a board member has been able to attend.

The Board of Directors of the home, meeting in December, took action to close Hooper Hall and to consolidate the children into three living units of 8 to 10 children each.

An unusual amount of help came this year at Christmas time from Woman's Societies and Guilds, from Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, church school classes, and from civic groups. Because of it, we were able to purchase a new piano for the chapel and to replace badly worn sports equipment. We appreciated it so much, and we have appreciated, too, your continued support in prayer. The study committee that is reviewing the entire program of MacDonell Center is working with us to strengthen and improve our program. The year ahead should be a good one.

TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Box 1150, Dulac, Louisiana

Rev. Jerry M. Moon, Director

This has certainly been a year of many changes for Dulac Community Center. Some of these changes were premeditated while others were the results of "Hurricane Hilda".

Our staff includes the same people as last year with the addition of Mr. Joseph Fazzio who was hired to repair and paint hurricane damaged metals and Mrs. Irene Hall Morgan who was hired as a part-time worker with four groups of elementary school children.

Mrs. Morgan is doing a wonderful job with her two boys' clubs and two girls' clubs. A five hundred dollar gift from an Oklahoma Church has been used to equip the new craft room very adequately for both wood working and tin can crafts.

Our Friday night Teen Club Dance has been dissolved in order to provide a more varied teen program. For boys there is a Wednesday Athletic Club which is a program of physical development under the direction of Mr. Moon. The girls meet with Mrs. Moon on Monday after school for a diversified program of activities which include home making and sports. Other teen activities include the photo club, piano club, and occasional movies, dances, and skating parties.

Our kindergarten and Religious Education program has changed only slightly except for the increase in the number of children being reached.

Some of the physical changes not connected with the hurricane included converting the library room into the craft room, moving the library into the original music room which now is the present music room, moving Miss Gibson's office to where the office storage room was, and placing all storage into the gymnastic storage room. The club room is soon to be equipped with drapes in order to show movies and an altar for religious teaching.

Hurricane Hilda dealt a mighty blow and necessitated many physical changes within both our old and new Center buildings at cost of $3,025.62; yet several repairs have not been completed and the cost added. The removal of rust and repainting of damaged metal items has been a continuous job since last October. We had to replace the hot water heater, automatic washer and dryer in the old building and the heating system and part of the electrical system in the new building.

We are very grateful for the generous gifts of clothing, books, toys and money ($4,527.04 to date) sent to us in our greatest hour of need by the churches of Methodism and many interested individuals in Louisiana and several other states. Though our present need is not as great we hope to have your continued prayers and support in this work for our Lord.

LOUISIANA TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

Urania Area — Alexandria District

Mrs. Martha Overbey, Church and Community Worker

This has been another busy year in this area made up of six churches: Urania, Tullos, Lewis Chapel, Eden, Belah, and Trout. This is the third year in this area.

The ministers of this area were changed due to one who went to Emory and left four churches without a minister. Rev. Ed Barksdale, who serves Jena, was appointed to serve Belah, Rev. E. W. Sandel now serves Eden, Trout and Urania, Rev. Gilbert Wade serves Olla and Tullos. Rev. Frank Langford of Pollock serves Lewis Chapel.

The congregation of Trout went into their new building in December. They have education facilities, which are adequate, and a beautiful sanctuary. The building is to be consecrated by Bishop Walton on February 21st. The Bishop will also dedicate some memorials in the Urania Church at the eleven o'clock service. There will be "Open House" at Trout in the afternoon.

There are two organized Woman's Societies, Trout and Urania. The women of Eden Church meet on Wednesday night for study. We started with the study of prayer and are now studying Genesis. This group works for church and community but are not organized.

I have attended all meetings, district and state, pertaining to Town and Country work, Sunday School work, Women's work, and others. I have attended all Woman's Society meetings in the area and Home Demonstration meetings when the time did not interfere with church work.

I was counselor and teacher at Senior High Camp at Camp Brewer this past summer for five days.

I attended School of Missions at Centenary where I took a course "Program Planning". The work was very constructive and well planned.

I also attended Town and Country Jurisdictional meeting at Mt. Sequoyah. This was very worth while, seeing friends, and hearing plans for the work. I attended the one for the conference at Camp Brewer for two days.

I have shown slides and talked about the Migrant work at five churches who were studying Spanish Speaking Americans. I have six more dates scheduled. All have appreciated my taking part in this missionary work.

This has been a full year. I have visited the sick in hospitals, Rest Homes, some schools, and three hundred twenty-six homes. I have traveled over fifteen thousand miles in this area.

BYLAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Constitution of Conference Societies will be found in Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division.

ARTICLE I — Officers and Secretaries

For DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES, See BYLAWS OF THE CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY, Section 1 to 13 inclusive, as adopted by the WOMAN'S DIVISION.

ARTICLE II — Exeeutive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the conference society composed of the officers and seeretaries; all members of the Division and officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction society residing within the conference; chairmen of committees, the president of each district society, the retiring conference president, who shall serve for one year, the Bishop of the area and such other persons specifically related to the work of the conference society as the society may determine; and the following ex-officio members who shall be without vote: the district treasurers, the district secretaries of membership cultivation, and the wife of the resident Bishop, who shall be an honorary vice-president. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

The Division shall provide for the expense of Division members to attend one executive meeting a year of their conference society. **(Amended March 1965)**

This committee shall be the coordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the conference, and shall determine the officer or secretary to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies occurring ad interim in officers or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations. (See Article VI, Section 2 of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild bylaws in regard to ad interim vacancies of the Guild.)

Section 2. The executive committee shall constitute from its membership an **Administrative Committee** of seven officers and secretaries who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee. The committee shall be composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and two other members. The executive committee shall be advised immediately of business transacted by the administrative committee.

Section 3. Three years or more of an unexpired term of a conference office shall constitute a full term of office.

ARTICLE III — Committees

Section 1. The conference society shall provide such committees as the needs require.

Section 2. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Meeting Program,** composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

Section 3. There shall be a **Committee on Christian Social Relations** composed of the conference secretary of Christian social relations as chairman, the chairman of Christian social relations for the conference guild, the district secretaries of Christian social relations, the members of the Section of Christian social relations of the Division residing within the conference serving as members ex-officio, and such co-opted members as may be needed. This committee shall meet annually at the time and place authorized by the conference society. It shall make plans and bring recommendations to the conference society for the strengthening and promotion of the total program of Christian social relations as defined in the constitution and bylaws.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer of the conference society as chairman, the president, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, supply work, and Wesleyan Service Guild; the treasurers of the district societies and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the conference society. This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall receive an annual cultivation budget request from the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference.

The committee shall study the strength of the societies and guilds in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to conference income and disbursements; local financial possibilities and problems; recommend to the conference society constructive plans for securing funds for conference and district cultivation; and assist by counsel in the forming of the conference pledge and cultivation budget and recommend it for approval.

Section 5. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations** composed of a chairman and four district presidents. The district members shall be rotated by districts as set forth in the Standing Rules No. 29 (Conference) and shall serve for two years. When vacancies occur among the district members

of the committee, the successor in office shall fill the unexpired term. **(Amended March 1965).**

The chairman shall be a person with background and experience in the work of the Woman's Society, who has served as a Conference officer and shall have served as a member of the Conference Executive Committee within four years prior to her election. She shall be nominated by the Executive Committee of the Conference Woman's Society and elected at the Annual Meeting. The term of office shall be four years.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to find specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers, secretaries, chairmen of committee (except those committees which elect their chairman) and members of the Committee on Nominations. The Committee shall submit to the Conference Society for election an equal number of nominations for each office (one or two). Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 6. There shall be a **Committee on School of Christian Mission** with a dean, elected annually by the committee, who shall also serve as chairman of the committee. The office of dean shall be rotated among the members of the committee with no one serving more than two years in succession.

Other members of the committee shall be the president, the vice-president, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, spiritual life cultivation, Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be authorized by the executive committee of the conference society. This committee shall plan and promote a Conference School of Christian Mission which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian Church through an integrated program of missionary education, Christian social relations, spiritual life cultivation and program building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program the Society and Guild.

The officers and secretaries of the conference society and the chairmen of the conference guild shall have the opportunity of attending a Regional School of Christian Mission annually at conference expense.

Section 7. There shall be a **Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation** of which the secretary of spiritual life cultivation shall serve as chairman. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living; it shall promote Christian stewardship, special studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. This committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Conference Society regarding resources and opportunities which will help in the realization of the purpose of the society.

Section 8. There shall be a **Committee on Constitution and Bylaws** consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report a copy of the Bylaws adopted by the Conference, and the Standing Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the executive committee. **(Amended March 1965).**

Section 9. (a) An **Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work,** whose chairman shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work of the conference where there are one or more church and community workers. It shall be commposed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of missionary education and service, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, one of the three area council directors, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the district superintendents of the districts in which church and community workers are located, and one or more members at large. The executive secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. Other persons

may be added who will be helpful to the committee in line with the recommendations from the Handbook for Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work. While the committee may make recommendations, the actual decision as to the area in which the Church and Community Worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The church and community worker shall report quarterly to the Committee on Town and Country Work.

(b) There shall be set up in each district where there is a a church and community worker a **District Advisory Committee,** composed of the members of the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the district, one or more ministers of the churches served by the worker, and any additional members which the Conference Advisory Committee suggests. This committee shall prepare for, plan with, and guide the worker and shall recommend annually to the executive committee of the conference the advisability of continuing the work for another year. **(Amended March 1965)**

Section 10. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Report** composed of the recording secretary, who shall be chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. **The committee may co-opt one additional person.** It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conference Society. **(Amended March 1965).**

Section 11. There shall be a **Committee on Place of Meeting** composed of three members, the chairman of which shall be a conference officer or secretary. These members shall be **appointed bi-ennially by the president, who shall designate the chairman.** It shall be the duty of the committee to select suitable meeting places for the Mid-Year and Annual Meetings of the Woman's Society and report to the Executive Committee their availability one year in advance of the meeting. Whenever possible the committee shall alternate the meetings between northern and southern parts of the state. **(Amended March 1965).**

ARTICLE IV — Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the conference, shall be elected as conference officers or secretaries.

The officers and secretaries shall be elected biennially for a term of four years. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years with the possible exception of the treasurer, who may serve eight years.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a secretary for campus ministry, a secretary **of Christian social relations, a secretary of program materials, a secretary of spiritual life cultivation, a secretary of supply work.**

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a secretary of membership eultivation, a secretary of missionary education and service, a secretary of missionary personnel. (Amended March 1965).

Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

(a) Where there is only one nomince, the election shall be by voice.

Section 2. Officers, secretaries, and **chairman of committees** shall take office June 1st after their **election or appointment, with the exception of the chairman of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program, who shall take office immediately after her election.** The outgoing officers shall make the annual report. **(Amended March 1965).**

Section 3. Vacancies occurring ad interim in office or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the committee on nominations.

Section 4. At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the society shall elect six conference officers and secretaries for membership in the jurisdiction society, all of whom serve for four years. **(Amended March 1965).**

(a) **Three of these officers** or **secretaries** shall be the president, the treasurer and the secretary of membership cultivation. The other three shall be elected by name. **(Amended March 1965).**

(b) If and when vacancies occur during the quadrennium among the designated officers, the successor in the office shall be the conference representative.

(c) Four reserve delegates from the conference officers shall be elected.

(d) If and when vacancies occur among the offices elected by name, the reserve delegates, in the order elected, shall replace them.

(e) Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 5. At the annual meeting of the conference society preceding the last annual meeting in the quadrennium of the jurisdiction society, the conference society shall nominate three women for membership on the Board of Missions, the names to be sent to the Jurisdiction Society. The Conference Society shall also nominate one woman to serve as alternate. This reserve alternate shall be nominated in the same manner as the nominees and her name retained by the Conference society. If there is need to substitute the name of the alternate when there has been withdrawal by a nominee, the name of the alternate shall be added after the last named nominee.

Section 6. At an annual or executive committee meeting of the conference society, at least six months preceding the Assembly, delegates to the Assembly shall be elected as follows: the conference president, one other conference officer or secretary, the conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, or her representative and one delegate from each district. (See district bylaws, Articles IV, Elections, Section 4, concerning election of delegate.)

ARTICLE V — Funds

Section 1. The conference society shall make an annual pledge to the Woman's Division.

Section 2. All undirected missionary gifts shall be divided in the office of the treasurer of the Division on a basis agreed upon by the Division. There shall be no division of missionary funds by the conference treasurer.

Section 3. Gifts for missionary projects, clearly specified, shall be sent to the treasurer of the Division through the regular channels. **(Amended March 1965).**

Section 4. Funds contributed for Special Memberships and "In Remembrance" gifts are a part of regular pledges on appropriations and may not be directed by the Conference Society.

Section 5. Beginning in 1960-61 an amount up to fifteen per cent (15%) of the pledge to the Woman's Division may be set aside each year by the treasurer of the conference society for cultivation in the conference. Expenses of officers, speakers at annual meetings, expenses of executive committe meetings, expenses of delegates to the annual meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society, expenses of conference delegates to the Assembly, expenses for promotional and educational work of the conference society shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the conference work shall revert to the general fund.

There shall be one cultivation fund for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, the records of receipts from each group to be kept separate on the treasurer's books.

Section 6. One-half of one per cent per adult member of the conference society shall be sent by the conference treasurer to the Woman's Division for the Division Cultivation Fund.

Section 7. The offering received from the observance of a Call to Prayer and Self Denial shall be sent to the treasurer of the Division through regular channels. (Amended March 1965).

Section 8. All orders on the treasury must be approved by the Conference President and Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE VI — Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Woman's Division, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the executive committee or by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Division.

Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be sent to the recording secretary of the Division for presentation to the Division.

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to the executive committee of the conference, or to the standing committee on Constitution and Bylaws and provided they are in harmony with the Division constitution and bylaws for the Conference Society. Copies shall be made for distribution to delegates.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Thirty days before the Annual Meeting the Conference recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the conference registration cards, which she will fill in with the names of the delegates and, with check covering meals, mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Annual Meeting.

2. Representation at Annual Meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society, however small, shall have one delegate.

3. The membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons who have the privilege of voting: the executive committee, all local delegates, the wife of the resident Bishop, all past conference presidents, the chairman of the Deaconess Board, all district officers and secretaries, and all zone leaders.

4. The hostess society for the Annual Meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee and delegates from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expenses to be paid by their societies.

5. The conference shall pay expenses of the conference president, the recording secretary, the treasurer and the chairman of Annual Meeting Program at a hotel during Annual Meeting.

6. A half hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

7. A typist shall be supplied at the Annual Meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

8. The Committee on Annual Meeting Program shall meet during or immediately following the Annual Meeting to consider plans for the next Annual Meeting. Whenever possible, speakers who come from a distance shall be secured to address both the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. (Amended March 1965)

9. The president may attend an annual meeting of the Woman's Division one time during her term of office at conference expense. (Amended March 1965).

10. Each officer or secretary shall submit to the treasurer itemized statements covering her expenses. These expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards. (Amended March 1965).

11. Officers and secretaries shall provide postage for all communications such as circulars, letters, literature, etc., that are sent to corresponding district officers and secretaries for mailing to local societies. (Amended March 1965).

12. It is against the policy of the Woman's Division of Christian Service: (a) to endorse and promote through its channels plans from business concerns to help local societies of Christian Service to make profits by selling their products; (b) to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm.

13. Since the Woman's Society has a definite responsibility for support of the program of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference wishes to point out that it is not the responsibility of the Woman's Society officers at the Conference or District level to seek contributions from the Woman's Societies' treasuries for the support of projects which are the responsibility of the Annual Conference or the District of the Church.

14. Transportation by car for conference officers on official business shall be allowed five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When conference and district officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expenses of the car; the conference officer charging her pro rata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

15. A sum not to exceed $300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations for the promotion of this department of work in the conference.

16. In each year where there is a surplus from Cultivation Funds, an amount up to $300.00, the exact amount to be determined by the Commmittee on Finance, shall be set aside as Designated Funds to be used for recruitment. The limit to the fund shall be decided by the Administrative Committee.

17. An amount not to exceed $3000.00 may be raised on the local level by freewill offerings at the rate of 25 cents per member to be allocated toward the salary of a Youth Worker on the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

18. When death occurs among members of the executive committee, to members of their immediate families, or to relatives living within their homes, an In-remembrance gift of $5.00 may be sent as a memorial. (Amended March 1965).

19. When young women from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned as Deaconesses or as Missionaries, a gift of $25.00 shall be presented them and a Special Membership given in their honor. When missionaries return to the field after furlough, an additional $25.00 is to be given them.

20. Expenses of one car from each district to the Conference School of Missions will be paid by the conference from the point where car pool originates. The district will assume expenses of persons to the place car pool originates.

21. A subsidy of $9.00 per person shall be paid all the district officers of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and conference chairmen of lines of work of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the quadrennial pattern attending and meeting the requirements of work of the Conference School of Christian Mission.

22. A **Committee on Journal** shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Annual and Executive Committee Meetings. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary. **(Amended March 1965).**

23. The conference recording secretary shall have printed in the Annual Report a mailing list, according to categories, to whom the Annual Report is to be sent.

24. Standing Committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Annual Meeting. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

25. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District Treasurer, and the District Secretary of Supply Work.

26. A retiring Conference officer or secretary who has served a full term may be given an honorary membership; one who has served a second term may receive a membership of higher denomination than one already held, or a gift to missions may be made in her honor; one who has served less than a full term may have a gift to missions made in her honor, the amount to be determined by the Committee on Finance.

27. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws shall have the authority to incorporate in the conference and district bylaws any changes made by the Woman's Division, **and to make needed editorial changes. (Amended March 1965).**

28. A conference-wide training school for district officers and secretaries shall be held every two years if finances permit.

29. Rotation of district presidents for membership on the Committee on Nominations shall be as follows: Group 1—Lake Charles, New Orleans, Ruston, Shreveport; Group 2—Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe.

BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

The Constitution and Bylaws of District Societies will be found in **Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division.**

ARTICLE I — Officers and Secretaries

For DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES SEE BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY, **Section 1 to 13 inclusive** AS ADOPTED BY THE WOMAN'S DIVISION.

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an **Executive Committee** of the district society composed of officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees of the district society; zone leaders; members of the Woman's Division and the officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction and conference societies who are members of the district society; and the district superintendent. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

This committee shall meet prior to the meeting of the district society, shall consider the advance plans projected by the conference society, make recommendations to the district society for carrying forward these plans, and shall determine the officer or secretary to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall constitute from its members an **Administrative Committee** of seven officers and secretaries who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive commitee. **The committee shall be composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and two other members. The executive committee shall be advised immdiately of business transacted by the administrative committee. (Amended March 1965).**

ARTICLE III — Committees

Section 1. The district society shall provide such committees as the needs may require, under the guidance of the conference society.

Section 2. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Meeting Program** composed of the president, the vice president, the recording secretary, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

Section 3. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer of the district, as chairman, the president, secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, supply work, Wesleyan Service Guild, and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the district society. This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall receive an annual cultivation budget request from the Wesleyan Service Guild of the district.

The committee shall study the strength of the societies and guilds in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to district income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; assist by counsel in the forming of the district pledge and cultivation budget; and cooperate with the conference society in promoting and supporting the total financial program of the Woman's Division.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations** elected in the annual meeting of the district society whose duty it shall be to find specially qualified women in the district who may serve as officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees, except those committees which elect their own chairman, and members of the Committee on Nominations. The committee shall submit these nominations to the district society for election.

ARTICLE IV — Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the district, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the district shall be elected as district officers or secretaries. The district society shall determine the method of election of its officers.

District officers and secretaries shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years, with the possible exception of the treasurer, who may serve eight years. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term, with the privilege of re-election.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one shall be composed of: **a president, a secretary for campus ministry, a secretary of Christian Social Relations, a secretary of program materials, a secretary of spiritual life cultivation, a secretary of supply work.** Group number two shall be composed of: **a vice-president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a secretary of membership cultivation, a secretary of missionary education and service, a secretary of missionary personnel. (Amended March 1965).**

Section 2. Officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees shall take office June 1st. **after their election or appointment.** The outgoing officers shall make the annual report. **(Amended March 1965).**

Section 3. Vacancies occuring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the committee on nominations.

Section 4. At an annual executive committee meeting at least six months preceding the Assembly, one delegate shall be elected from each district by the district executive committee, who shall be a district officer or secretary. The expense of the district representative shall be paid by the District.

Section 5. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be elected by her respective zone for a term of two years with the privilege of re-election for one additional term. The number of zone meetings to be held during the year and program for same shall be determined by the district executive committee. An offering may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the district treasurer.

ARTICLE V — Cultivation Funds

Section 1. Each district shall set up a fund for district cultivation and expenses according to its needs, secured through a plan recommended by the conference Committee on Finance and approved by the conference society.

(a) Each local society shall include in its budget for district cultivation an amount equal to fifteen cents (15¢) per member, to be remitted to the district treasurer.

(b) District treasurers shall set aside funds each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

ARTICLE V — Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. (See Article 6, Amendments and Additional Bylaws, Conference Society.)

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the District Woman's Society provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division constitution and bylaws for the district society.

BYLAWS OF THE LOCAL WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the society shall be composed of the officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees and circles, the representative serving on the Committee on Christian Vocations; the president, the treasurer and the co-ordinator of each unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the local church; members of the Division and the officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction, conference and district societies who are members of the society; and the pastor. A majority shall consitute a quorum.

This committee shall meet once a month prior to the business meeting of the society. It shall consider all plans and projects and submit its recommendations to the society for action. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or in chairmen shall be filled by the Execuive Committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall constitute from its membership an Administrative Committee of seven, who shall meet upon the call of the president to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee.

ARTICLE III — Committees

Section 1. There shall be a **Committee on Christian Social Relations** composed of the secretary of Christian social relations, as chairman, and such other members as the society shall designate. This committee shall meet regularly and study community, national and world issues and needs of concern to the church. The committee shall bring reports and recommendations to the monthly meeting of the society for its consideration and action. Special subcommittees may be appointed as need arises.

Section 2. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer as chairman, the president, secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, supply work, the chairman of local church activities, and such other persons as the society shall designate.

It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare the total budget of the society for approval by the Executive Committee and adoption by the society. This budget shall include amounts to be sent to the district or conference treasurer and the amounts to be expended locally. Officers, secretaries and committees of the society shall present all anticipated needs for funds to the Committee on Finance of the society for consideration in making the budget to be recommended to the society for adoption. All funds of circles are a part of the total budget of the society.

Requests, made either to the circles or to the society for funds not included in the budget adopted, shall be referred by the society to the Committee on Finance for study in relation to the total financial responsibility of the society and for recommendation to the society.

The **Committee on Finance** shall bring to the society recommendations and plans for securing all funds to be spent locally or channeled to the district or conference treasurers. (NOTE: Funds for missionary projects shall be sent by the treasurer of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local church to the district or conference treasurer. Thank offerings, Christmas offerings, and Lenten offerings may be used as methods of securing the total budget of the society in the local church. The monies, which must be sent to the district and/or conference treasurer for forwarding to the Woman's Division, include bequests and devises to local societies from decedent estates which are designated in whole or in part by the donor for home and/or foreign missions.)

Section 3. There shall be a **Committee on Local Church Activities** composed of the chairman of local church activities, as chairman, the treasurer, the secretary of the membership cultivation, and such other members as the society shall designate. The committee shall be responsible for recommending and co-ordinating fellowship activities of the society in the local church. It shall recommend activities and needs in line with the responsibilities of the society. As the need arises, it shall work with the minister and local church committees in making plans for fellowship activities. It shall refer items related to finance to the Committee on Finance for consideration and recommendation to the society.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Membership** composed of the secretary of membership cultivation, as chairman, the secretary of spiritual life cultivation, representation from each of the circles and such other members as the society shall designate. This may be a joint committee with the Wesleyan Service Guild. In this instance, the committee shall have co-chairmen.

It shall be the duty of this committee to plan frequent surveys of the women in the community. It shall make definite recommendations to the society regarding plans for meeting responsibility in the enlistment of women in the life and work of the church. It shall plan creatively for the involvement of women in the fellowship of study, service and action of the society. The committee shall strive to establish such relationship with new members of the society as will enlist their eager participation in the total program

of the church and of the society. The committee shall seek to interpret the place and responsibility of women in the local church. The committee shall cooperate in the total program of evangelism and membership cultivation of the local church.

Section 5. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations** responsible for the presentation of nominations for officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees, and members of the Committee on Nominations. The consent of nominees shall be secured before presenting names. The committee shall make nominations to fill vacancies which occur **ad interim.**

The committee shall nominate a representative from the society to serve on the Committee on Christian Vocations of the church, or to work with the secretary of Christian vocations where the committee does not exist. The nomination shall be given to the Committee on Nominations of the church and the election shall take place in the Quarterly Conference of the church.

Section 6. There shall be a **Committee on Program** composed of the vice-president as chairman, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, and spiritual life cultivation. Additional members may be elected or appointed by the Executive Committee if the society so desires.

This committee shall plan and make recommendation to the society for the total program of study and action of the society and give guidance to the implementation of these plans.

Section 7. There shall be a **Committee on Publicity** composed of the recording secretary and such other members as the society shall designate. The committee shall send to the church bulletin and newspapers all notices and reports of meetings of the society, and shall collect clippings and letters of interest relating to society meetings, programs and social functions. It shall have charge of printing and stationery.

Section 8. There shall be a **Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation** of which the secretary of spiritual life cultivation shall serve as chairman, the secretary of membership cultivation and such other members as the society may designate. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living; it shall promote Christian stewardship and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the society regarding resources and opportunities which will help in the realization of the purpose of the society.

ARTICLE IV — Nominations and Elections

Section 1. At the time all officers and secretaries are elected, the society shall elect, for a three-year term, a Committee on Nominations composed of three to five members, one of whom shall be elected chairman by the society. The member of the committee who is elected chairman shall serve as chairman no more than one year and, while serving in this capacity, she shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

Membership on the Committee on Nominations shall be divided into classes with no member serving more than three consecutive years.

Section 2. At the time of the election the Committee on Nominations shall present, for the ensuing term, nominations of all officers and secretaries, the chairmen of the committees, and the members of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 3. There shall be opportunity for nominations from the floor. Elections may be by acclamation or by ballot.

Section 4. A majority vote is sufficient for election. Those elected shall assume their duties at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Section 5. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years, with the possible exception of the treasurer, who may serve eight years.

Section 6. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or among the chairmen shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE V — Meetings

Section 1. There shall be one or more regular meetings of the society during a month. Adequate time shall be given in the meeting for education in and successful promotion of the vast interests committed to Methodist women. One regular meeting of the year shall be devoted to consecration of the plans, programs and financial pledges for the year. The Committee on Nominations shall bring a report and an election shall be conducted for the officers, secretaries and chairmen. Annual reports shall be given and installation held before the close of the year.

Section 2. Where expedient, the society may organize circles which shall meet once a month for an inclusive presentation of the plans and program of the society. Membership in circles shall be revolving, subject to entire change of personnel (annually or biennially) at the time of the annual meeting.

Section 3. The order of business shall include worship, reports of officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees, and a program presenting the total work of the society as provided by the education and cultivation agencies of the Division.

Section 4. A special meeting of the society may be called by the president with the approval of the Executive Committee. At such special meetings no business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting is called.

Section 5. The president may call a special meeting of the Executive Committee to consider business of importance.

ARTICLE VI — Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Division, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the Executive Committee or by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Division.

Proposed amendments to these bylaws shall be sent to the recording secretary of the Division for presentation to the Division.

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the society provided they are in harmony with the Division constitution and bylaws for the society in the local church.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and a period report to the secretary of Membership Cultivation.

2. In order that the society entertaining the Annual Meeting may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each period, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the District officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the district treasurer not later than July 15. **The budget shall include an amount equal to fifteen cents (15¢) per member for district cultivation. (Amended March 1695).**

7. The Secretary of Membership Cultivation in each society shall send the Memorial Roll to the Secretary of Membership Cultivation of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society.

10. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer.

11. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the Committee on Finance before being presented to the society.

12. District, Conference and Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local societies.

13. A contribution of 25¢ per member may be sent annually through regular channels for the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

14. Officers should be elected in February. Those elected shall assume their duties the first of June.

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1964 - 1965

Division:

General Secretary of Woman's Division
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Woman's Division Members in Louisiana
Executive Secretaries
Executive Secretary Wesleyan Service Guild

Jurisdiction:

South Central Jurisdiction President and Guild Secretary
Presidents and Recording Secretaries of each Conference in Jurisdiction
Jurisdiction officers residing in Louisiana

Conference:

Past president of Louisiana Conference
Louisiana conference officers and those recently retired
Chairmen of Committees not otherwise included in list
Members of Conference nominating committee
Guild: conference secretary, recording secretary, and chairmen of lines of work

District:

All district officers and secretaries
5 copies to each district secretary of membership cultivation
Guild district secretaries and chairmen

Local:

Woman's Society local presidents and zone leaders
Guild local presidents

Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Workers:

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Simpson ..... Miss Evelyn Chaney, 2305 Tulip St., Lake Charles, 70601
University, Lena Sweeney Unit ..... Mrs. Lena Sweeney, 3523 Louisiana, Lake Charles, 70601
Leesville ..... Mrs. H. M. (Nell) Small, 706 Kings Road, Leesville, 71446
Maplewood: Vela Cleveland ..... Mrs. C. D. Thomason, Box 2447, Maplewood
Vinton ..... Mrs. Bernice Lynch, Box 75, Vinton
Welsh ..... Mrs. Eva Stocking, Welsh

MONROE DISTRICT

District Secretary ..... Mrs. Janie H. Phillips, Box 50, Mer Rouge, 71261
Recording Secretary ..... Mrs. Dorothy Moss, Mer Rouge, 71261

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ..... Mrs. Minza Rabun, 504 Jackson, Bastrop
Missionary Education and Service ..... Miss Dorothy Shell, Box 168, Winnsboro
Program Materials ..... Miss Ethel Maroney, 507 St. John, Monroe
Spiritual Life Cultivation ..... Mrs. Helen Owen, 1300 N. 2nd, West Monroe
Supply Work ..... Miss Elizabeth Kessinger, Mer Rouge 71261

Local Presidents

Bastrop ..... Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, 723 Van Ave., Bastrop
Bonita ..... Mrs. Jean Culbertson, Bonita
Columbia ..... Mrs. Elizabeth Carroll, Columbia
Lake Providence ..... Mrs. C. O. Reed, Island Point, Lake Providence
Mer Rouge ..... Miss Elma Carter, Mer Rouge 71261

Monroe:
First Church:
Unit 1 ..... Mrs. A. B. Potter, 704 Hilton, Monroe
Elizabeth Langford Unit .. Mrs. E. L. St. John, 1202 Auburn, Monroe
Gordon Avenue ..... Mrs. Lucille Durham, 314 Pargoud Drive, Monroe
Memorial ..... Mrs. Mary Louise Williams, 803 Cole, Monroe
St. Paul's ..... Mrs. Larry Bennett, 1801 Forsythe, Monroe
Southside ..... Mrs. Carrie Woods, 1705 Crescent Drive, Monroe
Oak Grove ..... Mrs. W. C. Hudson, Oak Grove
Rayville ..... Mrs. R. R. Wroten, Box 115, Rayville
Sterlington ..... Mrs. Charles M. Munley, Box 38, Sterlington
Tallulah ..... Mrs. Frances Robinson, 102 Cooper Street, Tallulah
West Monroe ..... Mrs. Daisy Bergeron, Rt. 1, 116 Parkdale, West Monroe
Winnsboro ..... Mrs. Dorothy Shell, 412½ Highland, Winnsboro

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

District Secretary ..... Mrs. Justin Vega, P. O. 357, Slidell, 70458
Recording Secretary ..... Miss Azilda Evans # 2 Chatham Dr., New Orleans, 70122

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ..... Mrs. Violet Jackson, 358 W. Livingston Place, Metairie, 70005
Missionary Education and Service ..... Miss Eleanor Goodman, 4600 Paris Ave., Apt. C., New Orleans, 70122
Program Materials ..... Miss Marguerite Walls, 1501 S. Carrollton Ave., New Orleans, 70118
Spiritual Life Cultivation ..... Mrs. Willard Colburn, 15 Carroll Dr., Chalmette, 70043
Supply Work ..... Mrs. Gilbert Wade, 413 Phosphor Ave., Metairie, 70005

Local Presidents

Chalmette:
St. Bernard ..... Mrs. Oscar I. Peterson, 3508 Rose Ave., Chalmette, 70043
Covington ..... Mrs. Robert F. Smith, 124 Country Club Road, Covington, 70433
Metairie:
Munholland ..... Mrs. L. A. McClung, 1519 Brockenbraugh St., Metairie, 70005
St. Matthews ..... Mrs. John Mott, 6720 Merle St., Metairie, 70003
New Orleans:
Carrollton ..... Mrs. Helen McMahon, 2415 Lowerline St., New Orleans, 70125
First ..... Mrs. Lester Beard, 1429 Wisteria Dr., Metairie, 70005
Gentilly ..... Mrs. Nell Pesano, 2511½ Myrtle Ave., New Orleans 70122
Parker Memorial ..... Miss Margaret Young, 943½ Eleanore St., New Orleans, 70115
Rayne Memorial ..... Miss Sarah McCarty, 7200 S. Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, 70125
Redeemer ..... Mrs. Mary Taylor, 2508 Eads Street, New Orleans, 70117
St. Luke ..... Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge, 813 Haring Road, Metairie, 70001
Slidell ..... Mrs. Louis Dorr, 1265 Arthur Dr., Slidell, 70458

RUSTON DISTRICT

District Secretary ..... Miss Sue Batton, Box 249, Minden, 71055
Recording Secretary ..... Mrs. Norma Daye, 515 East & West, Minden, 71055

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ..... Mrs. Dan Johnston, 402 Forest, Springhill, 71079
Missionary Education and Service ..... Miss Sue Hefley, 421 W. 4th, Homer, 71040
Program Material .....
Spiritual Life Cultivation ..... Mrs. W. S. (Irene) Deas, Arcadia, 71001
Supply Work ..... Miss Merry Dean Patterson, 605 N. Myrtle, Arcadia, 71001

Local Presidents

Arcadia ..... Mrs. J. F. Lancaster, Box 300, Arcadia, 71001
Farmerville ..... Mrs. R. C. Harper, 207 Anthony, Farmerville, 71241
Haynesville ..... Mrs. Charles Camp, Rt. 3, Haynesville, 71038
Homer ..... Miss Sue Hefley, 421 W. 4th, Homer, 71040
Jonesboro ..... Mrs. E. DeWitt Jones, 1204 Anna, Jonesboro, 71251
Minden:
- Lakeview ..... Mrs. O. B. McCormick, 1204 Howard, Minden, 71055
- First, Unit 1 ..... Miss Audrey Hortman, 430 Richardson, Minden, 71055
- First, Unit 2 ..... Mrs. W. S. Hicks, 1100 L. Ave., Minden, 71055

Springhill ..... Mrs. J. G. Vickers, 204 3rd N.W., Springhill, 71079
Ruston:
- Trinity ..... Mrs. Jeff D. Moon, 310 Barnard, Ruston, 71270
- Virginia Laskey Unit ..... Mrs. J. M. Kavanaugh, 600 E. California, Ruston, 71270

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

District Secretary ..... Miss Sybil Kelley, 1501 Cross Lake Blvd., Shreveport, 71109
Recording Secretary ..... Miss Adeline Durham, 337 Topeka, Shreveport, 71101

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ..... Mrs. Mary Givens, 2020 Amelia, Shreveport, 71108
Missionary Education and Service ..... Mrs. Sylvia Lightfoot, 1535 Magnolia, Shreveport, 71101
Program Materials ..... Mrs. Violet Dickens, 1625 Centenary, Shreveport, 71101
Spiritual Life Cultivation ..... Miss Elizabeth Ricks, 303 Jefferson, Mansfield
Supply Work ..... Mrs. Estelle Jones, Rt. 2, Coushatta

Local Presidents

Coushatta ..... Mrs. Estelle Jones, Rt. 2, Coushatta
Haughton ..... Mrs. Marie Butler, Haughton
Logansport ..... Mrs. Jo Liles, Logansport
Mansfield ..... Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, 312 Polk, Mansfield
Many ..... Mrs. Linda Power, Many
Plain Dealing ..... Mrs. A. L. Keoun, Plain Dealing
Shreveport:
- Broadmoor ..... Mrs. Sybil Lenoir, 1035 Anniston, Shreveport, 71105
- First Church, Unit I ..... Mrs. Violet Dickens, 1625 Centenary, Shreveport, 71101
- First Church, Unit II ..... Mrs. Jeni lnce, 610 Kirby, Shreveport, 71104
- Lakeview ..... Mrs. Elaine Dauzat, 3751 Eileen Lane, Shreveport, 71109
- Mangum:
  - Alma Levins .. Mrs. Dollie Brown, 2037 Elizabeth, Shreveport, 71104
  - Unit 1 .. Mrs. Nettie Kelly, 1501 Cross Lake Blvd., Shreveport, 71109
- Morningside ..... Mrs. Stanley Kwasnik, 706 Meadowdale Pl., Shreveport, 71108
- Noel Memorial ..... Mrs. Elsie Ellis, 246 Pennsylvania, Shreveport, 71105
- Summer Grove ..... Mrs. Mary Givens, 2020 Amelia, Shreveport, 71108
- Wynn Memorial ..... Mrs. Vera Pace, 2954 Desoto, Shreveport, 71109

Zwolle ..... Mrs. Garrett Walsh, Box 333, Zwolle

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE GUILD WEEKEND

July 31, August 1, 2, 1964

The eighteen annual Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend began at 4:00 P.M., Friday afternoon, July 31, 1964, with registration in the Living Room of James Dormitory at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. Mrs. F. G. Phillips, Registration Chairman, was assisted by Miss Sybil Kelly, Shreveport District Secretary.

At 8:30 P.M. a time of fellowship in song was enjoyed by the group.

A Depth Bible Study was led by Mrs. Dana Dawson, who used as her text selections from the book of Ephesians, relating the study to the new Purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

The program of the Weekend resumed with Morning Watch in the Amphitheatre at 7:00 a.m., Saturday, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Ricks.

The first general session convened in the auditorium of Hurley Music Building with Miss Arline Tyler presiding. The opening hymn, "See How Great a Flame Aspires," was followed by prayer by Mrs. Bessie Fairley.

Words of welcome were expressed by Dr. Jack Wilkes, President of Centenary College; Dr. B. C. Taylor, Vice-President of Centenary College; and Rev. George Pearce, Shreveport District Superintendent.

Woman's Society members on the program were introduced: Mrs. George W. Dameron, Louisiana Conference President; Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer; Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Secretary of Membership Cultivation, South Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. George Sexton, Past President, South Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Former Secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Warren Orr, Former Secretary of Literature; Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Former Conference Vice-President; and Mrs. Max Clayton, Conference Secretary of Membership Cultivation.

Mrs. Alvin T. Sandefur, Program Chairman, presented the program and announced changes in meeting places for the workshops and clinics.

Guild members met in clinics directed by the following: Presidents and District Secretaries, Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, and Mrs. Max Clayton; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. M. R. Tatum; Recording Secretaries, Miss Marilynn Carter; Membership Cultivation, Mrs. Lee Tidwell; Spiritual Life Cultivation, Miss Mildred Evans; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur; Missionary Education, Mrs. C. G. Mainous; Supply Work and Treasurers, Miss Dorothy Dunbar and Mrs. Carl Gallaher; and Program Materials, Miss Grace Lawson, Mrs. Wideman Watson, and Mrs. Warren Orr.

Workshops were conducted at 10:50 a.m. as follows: The workshop for Conference and District Officers on "Purpose and Program for a New Age" was led by Mrs. Glenn Laskey. Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. George Sexton, and Mrs. T. H. Jackson each conducted a section of the workshop, "Goals Projected in Our New Purpose,' for others in attendance.

The second general session convened at 1:45 P.M. with the singing of the hymn, "God of Our Fathers," and a prayer by Miss Gyl Rowell. Miss Arline Tyler presided over the session and introduced the speaker, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, member of the Woman's Division, who spoke on "A Look at the New Quadrennium." Mrs. Laskey explained some of the changes relating to the restructuring of the Board of Missions and the Woman's Division, as well as changes being made in the Woman's Division.

The members joined in the singing of the "Guild Hymn," after which they broke up into the following groups for presentation of the studies: "The Church's Mission Among New Nations," Miss Grace Lawson; "Spanish Americans," Miss Arline Tyler; and "The United States Responsibility in the World Community of New Nations," Mrs. Alvin Sandefur.

At 6:30 P.M. a Vesper service was led by Miss Lillian Kennedy in the Auditorium of the Hurley Music Building.

Worship in Song led by Miss Jerry Beck opened the third general assembly. The song service closed with Miss Beck singing "How Great Thou Art."

The evening session was devoted to the presentation of the study on "Genesis" and group Bible Study led by Mrs. George W. Dameron. The session closed with prayer by Mrs. Coy Richardson.

Sunday began with a meditation and Love Feast conducted by Miss Mildred Evans and Mrs. Milton Baldridge in the Amphitheatre.

The final general session convened at 8:30 A.M. with Miss Tyler presiding. After the singing of the hymn, "Lord Speak to Me," Mrs. Rosa McCollough led the group in prayer.

A very informative presentation of the Christian Mission in Japan was made by Mrs. Gretchen Elston Benner, Missionary to Japan on furlough. Mrs. Benner was assisted by a young Japanese woman, Mimori Urakami Robertson, who now lives in the United States.

Mrs. Bessie Fairley was presented. She has retired from public school teaching and has accepted a position in the field of education with the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, Louisiana.

Miss Tyler gave a report on actions taken by the Administrative Committee in session Saturday afternoon. The Committee recommended: that a Love Gift be given the cafeteria help, a box to be placed in the lunch line for contributions; that any profit received from sale of literature, any money remaining in the registration fund, and any money refunded for overpayment of meals be designated for the conference cultivation fund; and that the Sunday morning offering be channeled to missions, undesignated.

It was announced that $60 had been obtained from the sale of Corsages for Missions. The corsages had been donated by the Shreveport District.

A ballot on where the 1965 Guild Weekend would be held was included in each member's registration packet. A report on this voting was given at this time. Of the 121 votes cast, 116 were for returning to Centenary College and 5 were for returning to Camp Brewer.

Miss Marilynn Carter, acting recording secretary, read a telegram from Miss Maree White, recording secretary, who sent greetings. Miss Elizabeth Langford was recognized and presented Miss Carter with a Wesleyan Service Guild charm in behalf of Miss White for the recording services she had rendered during the Weekend.

Mrs. F. G. Phillips gave the registration report by districts: Alexandria 10, Baton Rouge 11, Lafayette 18, Lake Charles 16, Monroe 26, New Orleans 34, Ruston 24, Shreveport 52, WSCS officers 9, guests 9; total 209. Recognition was given Miss Grace Lawson and Mrs. Minza Rabun for having attended all eighteen Weekends; Miss Dorothy Dunbar and Mrs. Ruth Guthrie for having attended sixteen Weekends; and Mrs. Irene Black for having attended fifteen consective Weekends. Five persons present had attended the first Weekend and forty-two persons were attending their first Weekend.

An invitation was issued the Conference by Miss Sybil Kelly, Shreveport District Secretary, to have the Spring Meeting, March 13-14, 1965, in Shreveport. The invitation was accepted.

Grace Lawson reported the Literature Room had enjoyed good sales. There was no figure as to the amount of sales but almost all literature had been sold.

Guild Times was promoted throughout the meeting by Miss Elizabeth Langford, editor. An exhibit of back copies was presented, and opportunity for entering subscriptions was made available.

A question and answer period, "To Know. . .To Grow. . .To Give. . .To Go," was conducted by Mrs. Dameron.

Mrs. Gallaher presented pertinent information about the Guild Pledge and finances. It was brought out that a 1964-1965 Guild pledge dollar is spent as follows: Foreign Mission Work 41.9%, Home Mission Work 38%, Promotion and Administration 17.8%, Christian Social Relations .8%, and Home for Retired Workers 1.5%.

The eleven o'clock worship service was presided over by Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation. Miss Miriam Brattain of the Board of Missions, New York, brought an inspiring message on the theme, "That All May Have the Spirit of His Love." The offering amounted to $120.

Marilynn Carter
Recording Secretary **Pro Tempore**

MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Alexandria, Louisiana — October 31-November 1, 1964

The Annual Mid-Year meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild convened at 1:00 P.M. on October 31, 1964, at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria, with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, presiding.

A worship service was led by Miss Mildred Evans.

The secretary called the roll and the following were presented: Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Maree White, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Miss Grace Lawson, Miss Mildred Evans, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Miss Gail Howard, Miss Laura Lynch, Mrs. M. W. Phillips, Mrs. Milton Baldridge, Miss Sue Batton, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. George Thomas, and Miss Maryruth Nickels. Mrs. Bessie Rollo, Miss Marilynn Carter, and Miss Adeline Durham substituted for the Alexandria, Lafayette, and Shreveport District Secretaries, respectively. Mrs. C. R. McCammon and Miss Dorothy Dunbar arrived later.

Letters were read from Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Woman's Division, and from Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Jurisdiction Secretary of Membership Cultivation, who were absent.

Letters were read from Mrs. Nell Patterson and Mrs. Alice Orr, recent members of the Guild Committee, thanking the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild for having honored them by dedicating the Corsages for Missions offering at the Spring Meeting in their names.

The recording secretary was asked to send notes to members of the committee who were not present.

Corrections were made to be incorporated in the published minutes of the 1964 Guild Weekend.

Miss Carter moved that the Recording Secretary write to the printer, Mr. Ives Savoy, Savoy Printing Company, Lafayette, expressing appreciation for the attractive annual report. **Motion carried.**

Miss Tyler appointed a Journal Committee: Mrs. Milton Baldridge, Mrs. George Thomas, the Recording Secretary, and the Conference Secretary.

Mrs. Dameron gave her report as President of the Woman's Society. She suggested that money for relief at Dulac necessitated by the recent hurricane be sent through regular channels marked "Special for relief aid at Dulac."

She announced that on February 5 a workshop on "Learning to Meet Controversy" will be conducted at Trinity Church, Alexandria, and asked district secretaries to see that each district is represented if the district chairman of Christian Social Relations cannot attend.

She also announced that the Regional School of Christian Mission will be held June 7-11 at SMU in Dallas. All conference officers of Guild and Woman's Society may go.

Mrs. Dameron challenged the Guild to think seriously about increase in membership and in finance, and recommended that, working with the Woman's Society, there be a steadily ongoing program to realize an increase in both areas. Another field of work needing some serious attention is training for nominating committees. She also reminded the group of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the organization, September, 1965.

A report of activities in her district was given by each district secretary or her substitute.

Miss Maryruth Nickels, field secretary for the Woman's Division who itinerated Louisiana during October, gave a very valuable report. She stressed importance of emphasis on membership, nominations, program, and officer training. She made some suggestions for organizing new units, and for maintaining membership and financial stability within a unit.

Arline Tyler charged the district secretaries to alert the local and district nominating committees to do some basic work before January, impressing them with their responsibility to secure dedicated officers. She asked the district secretaries to send in full and accurate lists of new officers with their correct mailing addresses.

Mrs. Thomas suggested that every nominating committee have a prayer meeting in preparation for their serious work, that they may be directed to those who will best serve.

After dinner the committee reconvened with prayer by Sue Batton.

Mrs. Gallaher then gave her report as Treasurer, pointing out that pledge giving for the first quarter was less than for the corresponding period last year. She presented the proposed budget and pledge for 1965-66, including the remaining 13% of the 25% increase assumed for two years.

Pledge 1965-66

Alexandria	$ 2,065
Baton Rouge	4,131
Lafayette	2,057
Lake Charles	3,423
Monroe	3,539
New Orleans	3,453
Ruston	2,797
Shreveport	3,453
Total	$24,918

Budget 1965-66

Officers' Expense	$ 400
Annual Spring Meeting	400
Conference Guild Weekend	100
Mid-Year Committee Meeting	150
Jurisdiction Guild Weekend	150
Jurisdiction & Division Cultivation	150
Jurisdiction School of Missions	170
Guild Times	100
Committees	70
Miscellaneous	110
Total	$1,800

Mrs. Gallaher moved that we adopt the proposed pledge. **Motion Carried.**

Miss Carter moved that we adopt the proposed budget. **Motion Carried.**

Elizabeth Langford gave a report of **Guild Times** showing subscriptions by districts. She mailed out 850 copies of the first issue of 1964-65, sending one to last year's as well as new and renewal subscribers. She stressed importance of promoting this publication in the districts.

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Chairman of Christian Social Relations, gave her report. She attended Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and School of Missions. She served as program chairman for Guild Weekend and will serve in that capacity at the spring meeting in 1965. She conducted a clinic in her line of work at the conference Guild Weekend. In addition to these activities she sent out letters to the districts urging citizenship brunches and urging all to vote after a study of election issues, and letters urging observation of U. N. Day and consideration of UNICEF. Mrs. Sandefur conducted the Alexandria district

meeting in the absence of the district secretary. She attended the National Convocation on Christian Social Concerns in Washington, D. C., and a U. N. Seminar in New York in October.

Mrs. Emma Mainous, Chairman of Missionary Education, reported that she had distributed material given out in clinic at Guild Weekend to the district chairmen to be sent to the local chairmen. She has polled the districts to determine subscriptions to **Guild Times** as a check on the distribution of her column. She has recommended that the chairmen, both district and local, buy all four new handbooks.

Miss Grace Lawson, Chairman of Program Materials, reported that $459.80 worth of literature had been sold at Guild Weekend and that Mrs. Gallaher has received $45.98, representing 10% of the sales, to be used in the conference. She asked for suggestions relating to materials that will be needed, in view of future sales of program materials. Miss Lawson reported that the clinic on Program Materials at Guild Weekend was not well attended.

After discussion it was agreed that the new handbooks would be made available at the spring meeting, sale of these to be handled by a local committee.

Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, reported that she had worked with the committee which prepared the Guild Weekend program, and had conducted a clinic in her line of work. She attended Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission. At the latter meeting she participated on the program on two occasions. In the conduct of her duties, she had promoted the Call to Prayer and Self Denial and the World Day of Prayer, stressed Quiet Days and retreats, the use of the Prayer Calendar, the study of **Genesis**; and lifted up the Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Chairman of Supply Work, spoke briefly on the current supply askings: Holding Institute, Southern Asia, and the Magazine and Picture Fund.

The meeting recessed with prayer by Mrs. Dameron.

After breakfast Sunday morning the meeting was opened with prayer by Emma Mainous.

Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, gave her report. Since the spring meeting she has visited five of the eight districts. She reported a slight increase in Louisiana membership shown in May, although the national figure decreased. The Conference pledge for 1963-64 was met. The change of location of Guild Weekend from Camp Brewer to Centenary College was well received judging from the good attendance and the evaluation reports. She asked that Jurisdiction Guild Weekend be promoted. She further requested that emphasis be placed on recruitment of the professionally qualified woman into the work of the church.

Mrs. Sandefur gave a report of the Program Committee which had met the previous evening, outlining briefly the schedule planned for the spring meeting. She presented the problem of the cost of transportation between the hotel and the church. Miss Dunbar moved that 50¢ be added to the registration fee to cover the cost of transportation between the hotel and the church on Saturday. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dameron gave some of the highlights of the program planned for the Woman's Society spring meeting. Mrs. Dameron stated that a committee on History is working to gather material for the Twenty-fifth anniversary commemoration. The group expressed the desire that each Guild unit receive a copy of this history.

It was announced that 300 copies of each report for the packets be submitted on 8½ x 11 paper and reach the chairman by March 1. The chairman is Mrs. Leona Britton, 6309 Garden Oaks Drive, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Miss Tyler requested that each chairman of a line of work submit a recommendation to her. She will compile these recommendations and submit them at the spring meeting.

Mrs. Sandefur moved that this committee recommend that the voting delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend be district secretaries. On motion of Miss Carter the motion was amended to read that the voting delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend be Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee. The motion **carried** as amended.

Mrs. Thomas moved that this recommendation be referred to the Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules to be incorporated as a standing rule. **Motion carried.**

Miss Langford, Chairman of the Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules, reported that the committee had met on Saturday morning, October 31, to work on revising the Bylaws and Standing Rules and bringing them in line with the new Division rules. She stated that the committee needed more time to complete its report and that a meeting is planned to accomplish this task in time to submit the changes to the conference voting body thirty days prior to the spring meeting.

The recording secretary read a letter from Miss Langford in which she submitted her resignation as editor of **Guild Times** effective at the end of the current **Guild Times** year.

Mrs. Dameron moved that we accept Miss Langford's resignation with regret and with special commendation for her service and deep appreciation of her work. **Motion carried.**

Miss Tyler requested that Miss Langford submit to the Conference Guild Committee an evaluation of **Guild Times** — the fulfillment of its purpose, the method of financing it, etc. She asked the committee to search and pray and make suggestions as to the future of the publication.

Mrs. Dameron suggested that it may be time to consider a joint publication by the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Thomas moved that a committee be appointed to consider such a joint publication with a committee to be appointed from the Woman's Society. **Motion carried.**

To this committee, Miss Tyler appointed Elizabeth Langford, Dorothy Dunbar, the conference secretary, and the recording secretary.

Mrs. Thomas asked that each district secretary mail to Miss Tyler five copies of the list of district officers and local presidents with complete addresses for each, using the indentation form and comma use as in the current annual report. This listing will greatly facilitate compiling an accurate list for the annual report.

Mrs. Sandefur gave a very complete and impressive report of her attendance at the Christian Social Concerns Convocation and the United Nations Seminar.

Miss Tyler gave a meditation based on the new Purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, closing with prayer.

Maree White
Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 13, 1965

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee met in the Colonial Room of the Captain Shreve Hotel in Shreveport, Louisiana, at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, March 13, 1965, with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, presiding.

Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, led the group in a meditation based on Acts 26:6-18.

Those present were: Miss Tyler, Miss Maree White, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Miss Grace Lawson, Miss Evans, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Mrs. Bessie Rollo (substituting for Miss Marie Pace), Mrs. Joe Rountree, Mrs. Louis Soileau, Miss Laura Lynch, Mrs. M. W. Phillips, Mrs. Milton Baldridge, Miss Sue Batton, Miss Sybil Kelly, Mrs. George Dameron, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, and Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, a guest for the annual meeting.

Mrs. Sandefur moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. **Motion carried.** Miss Evans moved that the mimeographed minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence was read by the Secretary. A letter of thanks from Miss Gail Howard (now Mrs. Joe Rountree) thanking the Committee for a wedding gift was read. Mrs. Mainous reported that she had purchased a silver cake server and presented it to Miss Howard on behalf of the Committee. Mrs. Mainous moved that the balance remaining after the purchase of this gift be put into the Conference Cultivation Fund. **Motion carried.** A letter was read from Miss Marie Pace, who could not be present. A letter was read from Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Director of the Sager Brown School, stating that Dr. Evelyn Berry, Executive Secretary, has asked that the Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild be added to the Advisory Board of Sager Brown School.

Mrs. Sandefur thanked the Committee for expressions of sympathy on the death of her father.

Miss Tyler asked that the members be in prayer for Miss Lynch's sister, who is very ill.

The following Committees were appointed: **Journal Committee:** Mrs. Thomas, Chairman, Miss Lynch, Miss Tyler. **Resolutions Committee:** Mrs. Soileau, Chairman, Mrs. Mainous, Miss Kelly. **Tellers:** Mrs. Dorothy Moss, Chairman, Mrs. Lou Kelly, Mrs. Zola McGee, Miss Elizabeth Ann Carter, Mrs. Margaret Spell, Mrs. Pauline Colburn, Mrs. Sylvia Lightfoot, Mrs. Nellie Hightower. District Secretaries to take the offering Saturday night: Mrs. Rountree, Mrs. Soileau, Miss Lynch, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Baldridge, Miss Kelly.

Mrs. Gallaher moved that the evening offering be directed to Missions. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Thomas moved that Standing Rule 11 (revised Rule 7) be revised to read: "All funds over and above expense at any Conference meeting, with the exception of special offerings, shall be directed to Conference Cultivation Fund." **Motion carried.**

Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman, reporting for the Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules, stated that due notice of the suggested changes to be considered at this Spring Meeting, had been sent out. She reported this committee met at 10:00 A.M., Sunday, January 31, 1965, at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria, Louisiana. Present were: Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Miss Marilynn Carter, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, and Mrs. J. H. McSween. The purpose of the meeting was to complete the study on the revision of Bylaws and Standing Rules, bringing them up-to-date, so they may be presented to the Spring Meeting in March. Inasmuch as the Committee is waiting for new directives from the Division, some necessary changes have been postponed.

The proposed changes in Bylaws and Standing Rules were read by Miss Langford, including the amendment to Rule 7-I which was voted on earlier. A few editorial changes were made, after which Mrs. Soileau moved that the committee report as revised be accepted. **Motion carried.** (For the complete list of changes, see minutes of Spring Meeting, page 135.)

Mrs. Sandefur, Program Chairman for the Spring Meeting, made the following corrections in the Program as printed: Mr. R. N. Hallquist will be organist for the Saturday evening program; Mrs. A. R. Duncan will play for the Saturday afternoon session; Miss Marie Pace's name was not correctly listed as District Secretary of the Alexandria District; the closing Prayer at Breakfast will be given by Mrs. Irene Deas.

Miss Elizabeth Langford presented the following report:

A special committee composed of representatives of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild met to consider the advisability of combining the conference publications of the two groups into one organ. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. C. B. McGowan in Baton Rouge on Saturday, February 27, 1965, beginning at 10:00 A.M. Those present were: Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman, Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, and Miss Maree White, who served as secretary of the committee.

After much deliberation concerning purpose, finance, circulation, content, personnel, and other factors, the committee made the following recommendations:

First, that the **Guild Times** and the **Louisiana Conference News** merge into a joint news publication for the Conference Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild, to be published four times a year.

Second, that this publication be financed by subscription, supplemented from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

Third, that for publications of this paper, there be a committee composed of an editor, who should be chairman, two assistant editors, and a circulation manager. The editors should be appointed by the Conference President of the Woman's Society after consultation with the Conference Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild. One assistant editor should be a member of the Woman's Society and one a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, each to be selected after consultation with the editor. The circulation manager should be appointed by the editor.

Fourth, that the format to be used in this publication be that used in Guild Times with size 8½" by 11" page and three-hole punch.

Fifth, that the yearly subscription price be $1.00.

Sixth, that each local Society and Guild receive one copy of each issue at Conference expense.

Seventh, that an appropriate name for the paper be selected from suggestions submitted to this joint committee by members of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Eighth, that the editorial staff be ready to function with the January, 1966, issue.

Mrs. Thomas reported that the Woman's Society in session this past week had approved the merger, pending approval by the Guild.

Miss Evans moved that we accept the report of the committee in principle with the understanding that further details will be worked out by the committee to bring about the merger. **Motion carried.**

Miss Evans announced that there will be a Jurisdiction Spiritual Life Retreat May 1-2 at Camp Galilee, Eldorado Springs, Missouri. She also announced that plans are being formulated to have a Spiritual Life Retreat for local and district chairmen of Spiritual Life Cultivation (and any other interested persons) in Alexandria during the weekend of April 24. Further notice of this meeting will be sent out when plans are complete.

Miss Tyler presented the following Recommendations for consideration:

WE RECOMMEND:

1. THAT we continue to grow in understanding and spiritual power; to increase our knowledge of the needs of the world; and to share through witness and service in the outreach of the church.

2. THAT each local Guild strive toward a greater oneness with the local church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service through cooperative planning, study, and action.

3. THAT Guild members dedicate themselves to the task of becoming better informed about Missionary Education through study of handbook and other recommended material; keep accurate records; report on time, and promote study.

4. THAT, as Christians and as Methodist women, we seek for ourselves, our churches and communities a more worthy manifestation of God's love and justice in the spirit of Christian reconciliation:

   . . .to get facts and answer with courage attacks on individual churchmen, statesmen, and community leaders;

   . . .to use channels and resources at their disposal to understand the tactics of extremism and to disseminate facts;

   . . .and to reaffirm our position in opposition to all forms of gambling.

5. THAT we continue to accept and meet the obligations that each line of work presents to us through the chairman.

Mrs. Sandefur moved that these Recommendations be accepted. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dameron presented the pamphlet giving the history of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. She announced that each member of the Conference Guild Committee would receive a complimentary copy.

Miss Tyler submitted the names of Mrs. Lester Beard and Miss Elizabeth Lowery to replace Mrs. Ruth Baker and Mrs. Ruth Travis, who have resigned as members of the Conference Committee on Nominations. Miss White moved that these appointments be approved. **Motion carried.**

Miss Langford moved that the Recording Secretary make and send to the District Secretaries enough forms for each local unit to have four copies of the Evaluation Report of the Local Unit Chairman of Membership Cultivation. **Motion carried.**

Miss Dunbar suggested that a form be sent out for the District Secretaries to report officers as they should appear in the Annual Report. She volunteered to assist in the mimeographing of these forms. Miss Tyler charged the District Secretaries to see to it that the name and address of each local chairman of Program Materials is sent to the Service Center.

Mrs. Gallaher gave a report on Pledge Giving for the first three quarters of 1964-65, by districts. The amount due on the total pledge is $8,726.84. She asked that pledge giving be promoted throughout the districts.

Miss Dunbar, Chairman of Supply Work, reported that the Foreign Askings have been reached and that the National Askings would be complete by the end of the fourth quarter. She stressed that there is a lag in the support of the Magazine and Picture Fund.

Miss Tyler announced the organization of two new units: one at Asbury Methodist Church in Lafayette and one at First Methodist Church, Shreveport.

Lunch was served to the Committee, during which time the following people spoke: Mrs. Laskey expressed her appreciation for the tribute to her which was presented at the Woman's Society Executive Committee Meeting by the Conference Woman's Society and Guild Committees, honoring her upon her election as President of the Woman's Division; Mrs. Marquardt thanked the Guild for inviting her to the Spring Meeting; Mrs. Tidwell expressed her appreciation to the Guild for having had the pleasure of serving on the Conference Committee and presented to each person a beautiful camellia from her own garden. The meeting closed with prayer.

Extension of Conference Committee Meeting

After the evening session of the Spring Meeting the Conference Committee reconvened in the Conference Secretary's hotel room. Present were: Miss Tyler, presiding, Mrs. Dameron, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Baldridge, Mrs. Gallaher, Miss Evans, Mrs. McCammon, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Marilynn Carter, Miss Dunbar, Miss Langford, and Miss White.

Miss Lawson moved that the Corsages for Missions offering be given to Missions in honor of Mrs. Lee Tidwell. **Motion carried.**

Miss Tyler explained that the 1966 Spring Meeting, to be held in Baton Rouge, should precede the meeting of the Conference Woman's Society in order that the election of the Guild Conference Secretary can be confirmed by the Woman's Society in their meeting. The dates would thus be March 5-6, 1966. The arrangement met with the approval of the group.

Miss Dunbar moved that the Annual Reports of those members of the Conference Guild Committee who so desired be bound with plastic binding, the additional expense to be paid by the members of the committee. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dameron read a resolution adopted by the recent session of the Woman's Society opposing the sale and distribution of pornographic literature in Louisiana and suggested that this body consider its adoption. Miss Carter moved that the committee recommend to the Spring Meeting the adoption of this resolution. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Gallaher asked the Committee to encourage increased giving in the districts.

The meeting closed with prayer.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

Fourteenth Annual Meeting

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

March 13-14, 1965

PROGRAM

THEME: "GO YE THEREFORE . . ."

Saturday, March 13

10:00 Registration ..... Lobby, Captain Shreve Hotel

10:00 Conference Guild Committee Meeting ..... Colonial Room

12:00 Conference Guild Committee Luncheon ..... Colonial Room

1:00 Registration Continued ..... Broadmoor Methodist Church

AFTERNOON SESSION

Sanctuary, Broadmoor Methodist Church

". . . Let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace."

1:45 Organ Prelude ..... Mrs. A. R. Duncan

Theme Hymn — "Lead On, O King Eternal" ..... No. 278

Convening of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting ..... Miss Arline Tyler

Prayer ..... Miss Mildred Evans

Holy Communion ..... The Reverend Robert B. Crichlow

Welcome ..... Miss Sybil Kelly

Order of Business:

- Presentation of the Program ..... Mrs. Alvin Sandefur
- Introductions
- Report of the Recording Secretary
- Appointment of Committees
- Report of Committee on By-Laws and Standing Rules
- Election of Delegates
- Announcements

3:30 Special Music ..... Mansfield Youth Choir

Address ..... Mrs. Glenn Laskey

Benediction

6:00 Dinner ..... Crystal Ballroom, Washington-Youree Hotel
Miss Grace Lawson, Presiding

Invocation ..... The Reverend George Pearce

Special Music ..... Mrs. Fred Shirley

Observance of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

Benediction ..... The Reverend Sam Nader

EVENING SESSION

Sanctuary, Broadmoor Methodist Church

Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding

". . . And ye shall witness unto me
--unto the uttermost parts of the earth"

8:00 Organ Prelude ..... R. N. Hallquist
Hymn — "Lord, Speak to Me" ..... No. 460
Prayer ..... Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Offertory
Dedication of Offering
Special Music ..... Mrs. Fred Shirley
Address ..... Mrs. A. R. Marquardt
Pledge Service ..... Mrs. Carl Gallaher
Benediction

Sunday, March 14

Lake Room, Captain Shreve Hotel

7:00 Breakfast ..... Miss Mildred Evans, Presiding
Invocation ..... Mrs. Cay Richardson
Solo
Meditation ..... Mrs. C. R. McCammon
Prayer ..... Mrs. Irene Deas

"Let Life be Sincere"

Order of Business:
Report of Treasurer
Report of Guild Times
Guild Hymn
Message of Conference Secretary
Benediction ..... Miss Elizabeth Ricks
Adjournment

10:50 Worship Service ..... Broadmoor Methodist Church

12:15 Buffet Luncheon ..... Activities Building
Broadmoor Methodist Church

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

March 13-14, 1965

The Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild was convened in the sanctuary of the Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, at 1:45 P.M., Saturday, March 14, 1965, with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, presiding.

Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, led the opening prayer, after which the Sacrament of Holy Communion was administered under the direction of the Reverend Robert B. Crichlow.

Miss Sybil Kelly, District Secretary of the Shreveport District, welcomed the group, after which Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Program Chairman, presented the program. Miss Tyler introduced the members of the Conference Guild Committee. She also recognized Mrs. Lee Tidwell, recent Woman's Society Secretary of Membership Cultivation of the South Central Jurisdiction; Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Louisiana Conference Woman's Society Recording Secretary; Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

Two special guests present were Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Woman's Division; and Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, immediate past President of the South Central Jurisdiction of the Woman's Society and a former member of the Woman's Division.

The voting delegates were counted and seated in the center section. There were 81.

Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman, reported for the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee as follows: (Changes are in bold type.)

The following changes in the Bylaws are recommended:

ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP — Amend to read:

The members of the Conference Guild Committee, the Officers and Chairmen of Lines of Work in each district, and the elected delegates from local Guild units shall be members of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. This membership shall constitute the voting body at an annual meeting.

ARTICLE V, COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES, Section 1 — Amend to read:

There shall be a Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairman of the Lines of Work, the District Secretaries, **the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the Editor of Guild Times;** the President, the Treasurer, **the Secretary of Membership Cultivation,** and two other members of the Woman's Society to be elected by the Conference Guild; members of the Division and Jurisdiction committees of the Wesleyan Service Guild residing in the Conference; **and such co-opted members as the work demands.**

Section 2 — Amend to read:

The Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference shall assist in the planning of the work of the Guild within the Conference. Chairmen to carry on the work of Spiritual Life **Cultivation,** Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Supply Work, and Program Materials shall be elected.

Section 4 — Amend to read:

There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of a Chairman and four other members whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, chairmen of Lines of Work, and members of the Committee on Nominations.

Add a new Section 7 (Old Rule 8):

There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of Lines of Work, the Editor of GUILD TIMES, and the District Secretary of the district in which the meeting is being held. The Committee shall elect its chairman annually at Guild Weekend.

ARTICLE VI, ELECTIONS, Section 1 — Amend to read:

(a) The officers of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, the Chairmen of Lines of Work, the two representatives of the Conference Woman's Society and the Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the Conference Guild in regular meeting. **Election shall be biennially. A term of office shall be four years, and no officer or chairman shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.**

It is recommended that (b) and (c) of Section 4 (ARTICLE VI — ELECTIONS) become (b) and (c) of Section 1, ARTICLE VI to permit a better sequence. This would make the above become Section (a).

Section 4 — Amend to read:

All elections shall be by ballot, except when there is only one candidate for office the election may be by voice.

Add a new Section 5 (Old Rule 5):

Officers shall assume office June 1st after their election or appointment. The out-going officers shall make necessary reports.

Add a new Section 6:

Three or more years of an unexpired term of a Conference officer shall be considered a full term.

The following changes are recommended in the Standing Rules:

RULE 1: **At the Annual Spring Meeting and the Guild Weekend there shall be one voting delegate for each 20 members or major fraction thereof in each local unit. Each unit shall have at least one voting delegate.**

RULE 2: (Same as old Rule 3)

RULE 3: (Same as old Rule 4)

RULE 4: (Same as old Rule 9)

RULE 5: (Revision of old Rule 10) Amend to read:

A Commitee on Journal shall be appointed **at each meeting to review the minutes of the Recording Secretary before they are mailed out to the members of the Conference Guild Committee. Such mailing shall be made as soon as possible after each meeting.**

RULE 6: **The two elected delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend shall be Guild Members of the Conference Guild Committee.**

RULE 7: (Sam as old Rule 11a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j) Rule 11 (e) to become Rule 7 (e); Amend to read:

Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and/or the Chairmen of Lines of Work in the pattern to attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend **and the Regional School of Christian Mission** shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. If four or fewer of this group attend, travel shall be in one car, and 5¢ per mile shall be paid from Conference Cultivation Fund. If five or more persons make up the official delegation, the expenses of two cars at 5¢ per mile each car shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. Travel to and from the place of meeting of an official car shall be paid by the Conference. If any designated person in the pattern elects to travel by means other than above, she shall do so at her own expense.

Rule 11 (i) to become Rule 7 (i); Amend to read:

All funds over and above expenses at any Conference meeting, **with the exception of special offerings,** shall be directed to Conference Cultivation Fund.

RULE 8: (Same as old Rule 12)

RULE 9: **The Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules shall have the authority to incorporate into the Conference and District Bylaws any changes made by the Woman's Division, and to make needed editorial changes.**

RULE 10: **When death occurs among members of the Conference Guild Committee, to members of their immediate families, or to relatives living within their homes, an "In Remembrance Gift" of $5.00 shall be sent as a memorial.**

Miss Langford stated that the Conference Committee had approved these changes. She moved that the committee report be received. **Motion carried.** Mrs. Rosa McCollough moved that the revisions in the Bylaws recommended by the committee be adopted. **Motion carried.** Mrs. Frank Bryan moved that the revisions of the Standing Rules recommended by the eommittee be adopted. **Motion carried.**

The adoption of Rule 1 added ten voting delegates, making the voting strength 91.

The Recording Secretary then read the list of Recommendations approved by the Conference Guild Committee. (Refer to list in minutes of Conference Committee, page 131.) Mrs. Velma Brobst moved the acceptance of these recommendations. **Motion carried.**

The Recording Secretary then read the list of Committee appointments for the Spring Meeting made by the Conference Secretary. (Refer to minutes of Conference Committee, page 129.)

The Recording Secretary read the recommendation from the Conference Committee that the offering at the evening service be directed to Missions. **Motion carried.**

Miss Marilynn Carter, Conference Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, submitted the following ballot from which the delegates were asked to choose two Conference delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend: Miss Sybil Kelly, Miss Elizabeth Langford, Miss Grace Lawson, Mrs. C. G. Mainous, and Mrs. Alvin Sandefur. Tellers distributed the printed ballots, picked them up, and retired to count.

The Mansfield Youth Choir, under the direction of Miss Jerry Beck, with Miss Marilyn Segura serving as organist, presented three selections of beautiful Easter music: "The Palms," "Easter Dawn," and "King All Glorious."

Miss Tyler presented Mrs. Glenn Laskey, who, in an inspiring address, challenged the Guild to be a channel through which God can work.

A prayer of benediction by Miss Tyler closed the afternoon session.

25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary Dinner was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington-Youree Hotel, with Miss Grace Lawson, Conference Chairman of Program Materials and a former Conference Secretary, presiding.

The invocation, given by the Reverend George Pearce, was followed by a group of songs by Mrs. Fred Shirley. During the evening former Conference Secretaries recalled the highlights of their years of service in office: Mrs. Minza Rabun, Miss Sue Batton, and Miss Lawson. Miss Arline Tyler, the present Conference Secretary, also spoke of her term of office. At each member's place was a souvenir booklet "1940-1965" prepared by Miss Lawson; it summarized the main events of the twenty-five-year history.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Robert Crichlow.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session convened in the sanctuary of Broadmoor Methodist Church at 8:00 o'clock. Mr. R. N. Hallquist played the organ prelude, followed by the hymn "Lord, Speak to Me." An offering for Missions was taken, after which Mrs. Fred Shirley sang.

Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, former member of the Board of Missions and immediate Past President of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, gave the inspirational address, charging the Guild to remain awake during a period of revolution, remembering that Jesus said: "Go ye therefore into all the world and . . . be my witnesses."

An impressive Pledge service was led by Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer. The theme of the service was "Go Into All The World." Amounts pledged by the eight districts were: Alexandria $2,065; Baton Rouge $4,131; Lafayette $2,057; Lake Charles $3,423; Monroe $3,539; New Orleans $3,453; Ruston $2,797; Shreveport $3,453. Total pledge: $24,918. The Service was closed by Mrs. Fred Shirley singing one verse of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," and "The Lord's Prayer."

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1965

Breakfast

The Breakfast was served in the Lake Room of the Captain Shreve Hotel with Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, presiding. The invocation was given by Mrs. Cay Richardson. A special song, "You'll Never Walk Alone," was sung by Miss Kathleen Grubbs and Mr. Brian Grubbs accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Rae Grubbs.

The morning meditation "And Lo, I Am with You" was given by Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Woman's Society Conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel, and a member of the Conference Guild Committee. The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Irene Deas.

BUSINESS SESSION

The business session opened with a period of silent prayer.

Miss Elizabeth Langford gave a report of a joint committee of members of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild which met in Baton Rouge on February 27, 1965, to consider the possibility of merging **Guild Times** with The Conference News, a bi-annual publication of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society. She stated that the joint committee had submitted recommendations to the Conference Guild Committee and that the Conference Committee had approved the plan.

Miss Elizabeth Ricks moved that the report of the committee be received. **Motion carried.**

Miss Langford volunteered to continue as editor of **Guild Times** to edit the next two issues, until the merger can be effected. She announced that subscriptions for the next year will be taken at the Guild Weekend as usual.

At the request of Mrs. Minza Rabun, Miss Tyler led the group in prayer for guidance in the undertaking of this important step.

The Recording Secretary then read the recommendations concerning the merger of the two Conference publications. (Refer to minutes of Conference Committee page 130.)

Mrs. Elsie Ellis moved that this body go on record as approving the merger of the **Louisiana Conference News** and the **Guild Times** into a joint publication to be financed by subscription with details to be worked out by the committee. The motion was unanimously carried by a standing vote.

Mrs. Gallaher gave a report of the Treasurer for the first three quarters of the year, showing a balance still due on Pledge Giving: $8,726.84.

Mrs. Pauline Rogers, Chairman of the Corsages for Missions, reported that the sale had brought $129.00 for Missions.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell was called to the rostrum. In appreciation of Mrs. Tidwell's love and concern for the Guild over the years and of her service on the Conference Guild Committee, Miss Tyler, in behalf of the Guild, dedicated the offering from Corsages for Missions in her honor. Mrs. Lee Tidwell thanked the group and pledged her continued support and prayers.

Miss Tyler thanked the Shreveport District for their excellent job in hosting this Spring Meeting. Miss Sybil Kelly, Secretary of the Shreveport District, recognized the Co-chairmen of the general arrangements, Mrs. Ella Price and Miss Aileen Hyslop, and asked the members from the Shreveport District to stand.

The Chairman of the Committee on Registration gave the following report of attendance by Districts: Alexandria 12; Baton Rouge 11; Lafayette 11; Lake Charles 15; Monroe 33; New Orleans 22; Ruston 15; Shreveport 65; Visitors 2. Total 186.

A visitor from Muskogee, Oklahoma, who read of our meeting in the newspaper, spoke briefly of her pleasure in attending.

Miss Tyler recognized the two newly-organized units in the Conference, Shreveport First Church and Asbury Church in Lafayette. Mrs. Jeni Lou Ince, President of the former unit, and Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Co-ordinator of the latter unit, spoke briefly. The Conference Secretary challenged each district to organize at least one new unit in this twenty-fifth anniversary year.

Mrs. Louis Soileau, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following report:

> To the Shreveport District, the Broadmoor Methodist Church of Shreveport, the Shreveport District Superintendent, Rev. George Pearce, to the Rev. Robert B. Crichlow, and to the Rev. Brady Forman, the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild extends appreciation for their Spiritual guidance and helpful service.
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> To the Shreveport District Secretary, Sybil Kelly, the General Chairman, Mrs. Ella Price, Co-chairman Miss Aileen Hyslop, and the many committees we extend our deepest appreciation for their careful planning and guiding our meeting throughout the weekend.
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> To Mrs. Alvin Sandefur and Conference Guild program committee we extend our thanks for their overall planning and selection of speakers for our program.
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> To all who appeared on the program, especially to Mrs. Glenn Laskey, President of the Woman's Division, Mrs. A. R. Marquardt, immediate past President of the South Central Jurisdiction of the Woman's Society, and Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Representative of the Woman's Society on the Guild Committee, for their inspiring and challenging messages, we are grateful.

To the former Conference Secretaries and especially to Miss Grace Lawson for their presentation of the history of Guild in the Louisiana Conference.

To Mrs. Lona Wilson of the Methodist Information office for her fine handling of publicity, we say thanks.

To Miss Jerry Beck and the Mansfield Youth Choir, Mrs. Fred Shirley, Mr. Robert Hallquist, Miss Kathleen and Mr. Bryan Grubbs and their mother, Mrs. Rae Grubbs, Mrs. Marie Craig, and Miss Marilyn Segura we extend our appreciation for the beautiful music during our meeting.

To all who provided favors and especially to the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce and the United Gas Company for their cooperation in providing and printing the packets.

It has been said, "A thing of beauty is a joy forever." With this in mind we wish to thank Mrs. Carl Gallaher for her dedication to her task, for compiling and presenting the Pledge Service.

To our own Conference Secretary Miss Arline Tyler we extend our special thanks for her guidance and leadership, and to Miss Maree White for her capable handling of her duties as Conference Recording Secretary.

Last but not least a very special thanks for the leadership and guidance of the Conference Woman's Society officers--Mrs. George Dameron, President, Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, and Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.

Mrs. Louis Soileau, Chairman Courtesy Committee
Miss Sybil Kelly
Mrs. C. G. Mainous

The Recording Secretary read a resolution adopted by the Conference Woman's Society, with a recommendation from the Conference Guild Committee that the resolution be adopted also by the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

On motion of Mrs. Frank Bryan, this report was accepted as follows:

We, the members of the representative body of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church in session for the 14th Annual Meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana, March 14, 1965, view with alarm the increasing traffic in obscene, lewd, indecent, and immoral literature found on the news stands and in the drugstores and grocery stores in many of the towns and cities of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the sale of this salacious material is a two billion dollar a year racket in the United States, with probably 75% to 90% of this material falling into the hands of young people; and

WHEREAS, F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover has condemned these publications, saying "I believe pornography is a major cause of sex violence. I am convinced that if we can eliminate the distribution of obscene material among impressionable school-age children, we can reduce the current sex crime rates;" and

WHEREAS, we believe that as Christians we have a responsibility to God and society to uphold that which is good and oppose that which is wrong:

THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND:

(1) That we voice our protest to the circulation, sale, and display of such immoral material devoted to the exploration of sex, passion, depravity, and immorality;

(2) That we urgently appeal to our pastors, teachers, youth workers, and parents to use their respective offices to speak out against such and to join in an all-out effort to make and keep our communities morally clean by urging the removal of all objectionable

material from the shelves of our news stands, drug and grocery stores, and wherever such materials are sold; and

(3) That a copy be sent to the Honorable John J. McKeithen, Governor of the State of Louisiana.

Miss Tyler made the following announcements of events: Meeting of the Conference Committee on Program, Alexandria, March 27; Regional School of Christian Mission, Dallas, Texas, June 7-11; Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Mount Sequoyah, June 18-20; Conference Guild Weekend, Centenary College, August 7-8; and Conference School of Christian Mission, Centenary College, August 9-13.

It was announced that the delegates to the 1965 Jurisdiction Guild Weekend would be Miss Sybil Kelly and Miss Elizabeth Langford, with Mrs. C. G. Mainous as first alternate and Mrs. Alvin Sandefur as second alternate. The Louisiana Conference quota for the meeting is 15 to be housed on the mountain.

Miss Mildred Evans reported that there is in the planning a Conference-wide retreat for local and district chairmen of Spiritual Life Cultivation and other interested persons. The plan is to have the meeting in Alexandria during the weekend of April 24-25, possibily only one day. The leader for the retreat is to be Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews, South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation.

Mrs. Joe Rountree isued an invitation for the 1966 Spring Meeting to be held in Baton Rouge. Her offer was accepted with a rising vote of thanks. Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Program Chairman for 1965-66, was presented. Miss Tyler explained that since 1966 is an election year, the Guild Spring Meeting will precede that of the Woman's Society, and will be on March 5-6, at First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

After the singing of the Guild Hymn, the Conference Secretary gave her report of Guild activities in the Conference during the past year. She charged us as Christians, as Methodist women, and members of the Wesleyan Service Guild—to go forth and plant!

After prayer, Miss Tyler declared the Fourteenth Annual Spring Meeting adjourned.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 27, 1965

The Conference Administrative Committee met at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, at 1:30 P.M., Saturday, March 27, 1965. Present were: Miss Arline Tyler, presiding, Miss Mildred Evans, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, and Miss Maree White.

The Administrative Committee set the date of the 1965 Mid-Year Conference Committee Meeting to be October 2-3.

Miss Tyler made the following committee appointments for the year 1965-66:

Administrative: Miss Tyler, Chairman, Miss Maree White, Mrs. C. G. Mainous, Miss Mildred Evans, and Mrs. Alvin Sandefur.

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman, Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Miss Maree White, and Miss Dorothy Dunbar.

Budget: Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher, Chairman, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Grace Lawson, and Miss Dorothy Dunbar.

Nominations: Miss Marilynn Carter, Chairman, Mrs. Helen Adams Preston, Miss Ruby Craton, Miss Elizabeth Lowery, and Mrs. Lester Beard.

Program: Mrs. C. G. Manious, Chairman, Miss Arline Tyler, Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Miss Mildred Evans, Miss Grace Lawson, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Miss Maree White, Disrict Secretary, and Editor of Guild Times.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD REPORT

1964-1965

Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary

The impact of the restructuring of the Board of Missions on our Guilds, has made this a crucial year. Yet, out of such has come adjustment to change, new insight into our Oneness in Christ and as a church; and growth and development as Christian women. Testimonies of this have come from throughout the conference on such expressions as: "Our programs have been more meaningful this year than ever before. The suggestions and material given in Summon To A New Age are invaluable." Another: "The observance of Call to Prayer and Self-Denial brings the depth experience for our Guild." For the approved studies to be conducted on Church wide basis is listed as a top experience by some. The organization of these new Guilds in our conference — one each in Layafette, Monroe, and Shreveport districts — not only bears witness but serves as a motivating force for other districts. The culminating testimony came when the 8 districts pledged a total of $24,918.00 to Missions for 1965-66.

As we turn the pages of our calendar, we note that June, 1964 records 15 members of the Guild attending the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah with three conference officers remaining for the Jurisdiction School of Christian Mission.

July - August found the members of the Louisiana Conference Guild in a new setting for its Eighteenth Guild Weekend. From the rustic, poorly developed and inadequate campsite to the lovely campus of Centenary College, Shreveport, was our greatest change of the year. With this change came a record attendance of 209. With adequate facilities, it was possible to have a more comprehensive program and wider participation through group meetings. Appreciation of this was shown by the almost unanimous vote to return to Centenary for 1965. The School of Christian Mission which followed recorded 27 Guild members in attendance, with 23 participating in the Guild Clinic.

September - October is marked by district coaching conferences with approximately 388 in attendance. Miss Maryruth Nickels, Field Worker for the Woman's Division, itinerated seven of the districts and presented her findings and recommendations to the Conference Guild Committee in session for its mid-year meeting. October also recorded attendance and participation in the National Convocation on Christian Social Concerns held in Washington, D. C. and the United Nations Seminar-Convocation in New York by our conference chairman, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur.

January-February proclaimed Guild Month in a variety of observances in local and district Guilds. With February came the invitation for Guilders to participate in a workshop "Learning to Meet Controversy" — an opportunity which some were able to accept.

March brought Guilders from throughout the state to Shreveport for the Fourteenth Annual Spring Meeting. The program gave opportunity for meditation, prayer, and to give. The messages of our speakers made us uncomfortable, yet hopeful; weak, but directed us to THE source of Strength; and gave to each a three dimensional view of our task. Thus, the charge "Go Ye Therefore. . ." became a personal and inescapable one. Perhaps the most significant action was the vote that declared the merger of GUILD TIMES and CONFERENCE NEWS — effective January, 1966. Not only does this indicate wisdom in a financial point and avoiding duplication — but it is an expression of the unity in spirit and cooperation of the Guild and Society.

April brought a new experience to a few Guild members. Our conference chairman, Miss Mildred Evans, in cooperation with the Woman's Society planned a workshop for the chairmen of Spiritual Life Cultivation under the leadership of Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews, Jurisdiction Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation. It is something that we want more of.

May with its evaluations, its new officers, its district meetings closes the book for this year. But it closes, only to open another one for the new year; a year of growth in Understanding and Spiritual Power; a year of opportunities to increase in Knowledge of Needs in the World; and a year to share through Witness and Service in the Outreach of the Church — A NEW YEAR.

CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
1965-1966

National:	
MacDonell Methodist Center, Houma	$1,483.00
World:	
Argentina, South America	522.00
Magazine and Picture Fund — ($2 per Unit)	216.00
Total	$2,221.00

BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

ARTICLE I — Name

Within the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service there shall be for employed women a Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

ARTICLE II — Purpose

The purpose of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to plan and direct the work of the Guild within the conference in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Woman's Division.

ARTICLE III — Membership

The members of the Conference Guild Committee, the Officers and Chairmen of Lines of Work in each district, and the elected delegates from local Guild units shall be members of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. This membership shall constitute the voting body at an annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV — Officers and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild who shall be the presiding officer of the Conference Guild. There shall be a Recording Secretary.

SECTION 2. These officers shall be elected from the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guild within the conference.

SECTION 3. (a) The Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall preside at the meetings of the conference Guild and serve as chairman of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference. She shall promote the work of the Guild within the conference; receive reports from district secretaries of the Guild; report annually to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the conference and to the jurisdiction secretary of the Guild. In

accordance with the pattern of the Woman's Division she shall report to the executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Division. She shall be responsible for planning of meetings of the conference Guild; and shall represent the Guild and present its interests at the meetings of the conference society, of which she shall be an official member. She shall attend, as far as possible, district meetings of the Guild and shall be a member of the executive committee of the conference society. She shall present a budget to the committee on Finance of the conference society.

(b) The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the conference meetings and perform such other duties as may be authorized by the conference Guild.

ARTICLE V — Committees and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of Lines of Work, the District Secretaries, the Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, the Editor of **Guild Times**; the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary of Membership Cultivation, and two other members of the Woman's Society to be elected by the Conference Guild; members of the Division and Jurisdiction committees of the Wesleyan Service Guild residing in the Conference; and such co-opted members as the work demands.

SECTION 2. The Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference shall assist in the planning of the work of the Guild within the Conference. Chairmen to carry on the work of Spiritual Life Cultivation, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Supply Work, and Program Materials shall be elected.

SECTION 3. There shall be an Administrative Committee, composed of the Conference Secretary, who shall be the chairman, the Recording Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary. The Administrative Committee shall transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the Conference Guild Committee.

SECTION 4. There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of a Chairman and four other members whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, chairmen of Lines of Work, and members of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 5. There shall be a Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules appointed by the Conference Secretary. The Conference Secretary and the Recording Secretary shall be members of this Committee.

SECTION 6. There shall be within the Conference Guild Committee a Budget Committee. The Committee shall be composed of the Conference President, the Conference Treasurer, the Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and two other Guild members appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary.

SECTION 7. There shall be a Committee on Program composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of the Lines of Work, the Editor of **Guild Times**, and the District Secretary of the district in which the meeting is being held. The Committee shall elect its chairman annually at Guild Weekend.

ARTCLE VI — Elections

SECTION 1. (a) The officers of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, the Chairmen of Lines of Work, the two representatives of the Conference Woman's Society, and the Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the Conference Guild in regular meeting. Elections shall be biennially. A term of office shall be four years, and no officer or chairman shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years.

(b) So that all vacancies shall not occur within the same year, the following pattern shall be the rule in the election of officers: at the second

year of the quadrennium the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, the Chairman of Christian Social Relations, the Nominating Committee, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected.

(c) At the fourth year of the quadrennium the Chairman of Missionary Education, the Chairman of Supply Work, the Chairman of Program Materials, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected.

SECTION 2. Vacancies occurring **ad interim** shall be filled for the remainder of the term involved by the conference Wesleyan Service Guild committee.

SECTION 3. The election of the Conference Secretary of the Guild shall be confirmed by the conference Woman's Society.

SECTION 4. All elections shall be by ballot, except when there is only one candidate for office the election may be by voice.

SECTION 5. Officers shall assume office June 1st after their election or appointment. The out-going officers shall make the necessary reports.

SECTION 6. Three or more years of an unexpired term of a Conference officer shall be considered a full term.

ARTICLE VII — Meetings

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual Spring Meeting of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild, where reports shall be received and necessary business transacted. All regular elections will be held at this Spring Meeting.

SECTION 2. There shall be an annual Guild Weekend meeting, dates to be determined by the conference committee. All necessary business may be transacted at this annual Weekend.

SECTION 3. The annual Spring Meeting and the annual Guild Weekend are designated as regular business meetings.

ARTICLE VIII — Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to these bylaws pertaining only to the Louisiana Conference may be made at an annual meeting of the conference, provided the proposed amendments shall be sent to the Committee of the Conference Guild thirty days before the annual meeting, and the Committee has had an opportunity to approve the proposed amendments before they are submitted to the membership.

SECTION 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division constitution and bylaws for the Conference Guild.

STANDING RULES OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

RULE 1. At the Annual Spring Meeting and the Guild Weekend there shall be one voting delegate for each 20 members or major fraction thereof in each local unit. Each unit shall have at least one voting delegate.

RULE 2. (a) Conference Guild Committee Meetings. There shall be at least two meetings of the Conference Guild Committee each year. One of these shall be in connection with the annual Spring Meeting. The other shall be a mid-year meeting, the date to be designated by the Administrative Committee.

(b) There shall be a program of training in Guild work within each district, to be directed by the district Guild committee.

RULE 3. **Guild Times:** (a) The **Guild Times** shall be the official organ of the Wesleyan Service Guild for promotion of conference work.

(b) The editor shall be appointed by the Conference Secretary and approved by the Conference Guild Committee at the annual Spring Meeting.

RULE 4. Nominating Committee: (a) The Committee on Nominations shall present a slate of eight candidates, one from each district, from which the conference Guild shall elect five members to compose the new Committee on Nominations.

(b) The Committee shall elect its chairman annually at the Spring Meeting.

(c) Nominations to fill unexpired terms shall be presented to the Conference Guild Committee.

RULE 5. A Committee on Journal shall be appointed at each meeting to review the minutes of the Recording Secretary before they are mailed out to the members of the Conference Guild Committe. Such mailing shall be made as soon as possible after each meeting.

RULE 6. The two elected delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend shall be Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee.

RULE 7. Finances: (a) Expenses of the Annual Spring Meeting shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. This includes expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee.

(b) Expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee to the mid-year meeting of the Conference Guild Committee shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

(c) Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of Lines of Work, and co-opted Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee, to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund.

(d) Expenses of the District Secretaries to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from District Cultivation Funds.

(e) Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and/or the Chairmen of Lines of Work in the pattern to attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and the Regional School of Christian Mission shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. If four or fewer of this group attend, travel shall be in one car, and 5¢ per mile shall be paid from Conference Cultivation Fund. If five or more persons make up the official delegation, the expenses of two cars at 5¢ per mile each car shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation Fund. Travel to and from the place of meeting of an official car shall be paid by the Conference. If any designated person in the pattern elects to travel by means other than above, she shall do so at her own expense.

(f) Expenses of the two elected delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend shall be paid from Conference Cultivation Fund. The two elected delegates shall travel in one car with an allowed expense of five cents per mile. If they elect to travel in separate cars, they shall prorate the allowed expense of five cents per mile, or two and one-half cents per mile per car.

(g) Transportation by car for members of the Conference Guild Committee on official business within the Conference shall be allowed at five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When conference and district officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expense of the car, the conference officer charging her pro-rata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

(h) All expense accounts shall be approved by the Conference Secretary.

(i) All funds over and above expenses at any conference meeting, with the exception of special offerings, shall be directed to Conference Cultivation Fund.

(j) The Conference Treasurer shall distribute all funds.

RULE 8. Cultivation Fund: The district cultivation fund shall be on the basis of 30¢ per member.

RULE 9. The Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules shall have the authority to incorporate into the Conference and District Bylaws any changes made by the Woman's Division, and to make needed editorial changes.

RULE 10. When death occurs among members of the Conference Guild Committee, to members of their immediate families, or to relatives living within their homes, an "In Rememberance Gift" of $5.00 shall be sent as a memorial.

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